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July 16, 1998

The Honorable John Gary  
Anne Arundel County Executive  
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The Honorable Robert R. Neall  
Senator of Maryland  
307 James Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Neall and County Executive Gary:

Thank you both for the time and information shared at our recent meeting. Mr. Parker Williams and I enjoyed the productive discussion on pertinent highway issues in Anne Arundel County. As promised, follow-up is being provided on three of those issues.

First of all, the request for noise barriers on Route 50 at the *Lake of the Pines* community was discussed. The State Highway Administration (SHA) has denied noise barriers for this community, but after our discussion, is now verifying information on the dates of construction for the *Lake of the Pines* homes. In order to do this, building permit dates have been requested from Anne Arundel County's Department of Planning & Code Enforcement (PACE), and should be available in the next few weeks. The SHA will also investigate whether it is feasible to do any tree plantings in the area, and whether this might alleviate some of the noise. After this information is gathered and analyzed, I will be sure you are both notified of the results.

The second issue of concern, is the request for a traffic signal at the intersection of MD 214 and Riva Road. As we discussed, traffic engineers were out there during the month of June to reassess the traffic volumes, speed of traffic, and accident rates. Their conclusions were consistent with the study done in early 1997, that the current situation does not warrant a traffic signal. In fact, it seems that the changes made to the intersection with new striping patterns have resulted in a positive impact on the operations and safety at this intersection. However, now that the factor of additional development in the immediate vicinity has been highlighted, Mr. Paul Armstrong, District Engineer, will reevaluate the need for a signal as that development occurs. As an additional point of information, Paul is included in the regular meetings of Mr. Neil Pedersen, Director of Planning and Preliminary Engineering at SHA and Mr. Steve Cover, Anne Arundel County's Director of PACE, where this type of information is shared.



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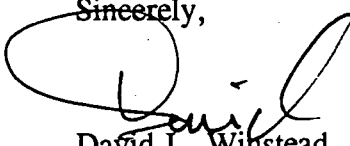
  
Dear County Executive Gary:

This letter is to update you on our investigation into the eligibility of the Captain's Choice, Lake of the Pines and Munson Heights communities for sound barriers. We reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the requirements for sound barriers.

In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure State-funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the original highway. Unfortunately, these communities do not meet this criterion; and consequently, does not qualify for a sound barrier.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I have enclosed a copy of the Department's Sound Barrier Policy, which outlines the program and it's requirements, for your information. If you need any additional information regarding any of these communities, please let me know or do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

  
David L. Winstead  
Secretary

Enclosure

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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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The Honorable John Gary  
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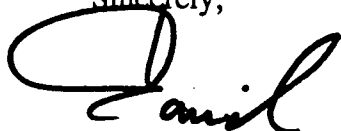
Thank you for your letter regarding funding for sound barriers along US 50 between Rowe Boulevard and the Severn River. It is my pleasure to update you on this issue.

Now that Anne Arundel County has enacted laws to safeguard future homeowners from high noise levels and has expressed its willingness to provide 20 percent of the cost of barriers, this area meets all of the State's eligibility requirements. We greatly appreciate your leadership in this effort.

As I am sure you can imagine, there are a great number of sound barrier needs in the State which exceed our ability to fund them all at once. Although our current Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) allocates all funds available for sound barriers for Fiscal Years 1998-2003 to projects on which prior commitments had been made, we will give full consideration to funding the design and construction of these barriers in the next CTP cycle, which begins this Fall.

Thank you again for your involvement in and support of the State's sound barrier program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams, who can be reached at 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770.

Sincerely,

  
David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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April 14, 1998

The Honorable Gilbert J. Genn  
Maryland House of Delegates  
220 Lowe House Office Building  
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Dear Gil:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in the 16th District regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Barnet Road, Bradley Manor, Longwood and Wildwood Manor communities do meet the eligibility requirements for sound barriers and I have approved funding for their design and future construction. The SHA will begin design of these barriers soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of these barriers once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for these projects. If you need any additional information regarding any of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**THROUGH:** David S. Iannucci  
Deputy Chief of Staff

**FROM:** John D. Porcari   
Deputy Secretary

**DATE:** September 15, 1998

**SUBJECT:** Sound Barrier for the Longwood Community in Bethesda

This is to update you on the most recent efforts by Longwood community representatives to advance the funding for sound barriers in their community. As you may recall, the Longwood area is one of the sound barrier projects that you approved for funding last January at an event held at the home of Richard and Sheryl Levy in Bethesda.

Construction funds for all of the barriers included in that announcement do not become available in the Department's capital budget until the start of FY 2001. This has been a source of concern to residents of the Longwood community and has caused them to contact your office continually with demands for an early advance in the funding. In particular, Dr. Marilyn Andrulis's assistant, Ms. Elizabeth Pfeifer, has placed numerous calls to your office, requesting that you visit their neighborhood to address their funding concerns. The Department is on record that we will look for opportunities to advance the construction funding as we develop the Consolidated Transportation Plan for FY 1999-2004. This reassurance has not been acceptable to them, and they continue to press for a commitment for an immediate advance of funds. Mr. Levy has also been in contact with the State Highway Administration to express his disappointment that the funding for the announced barrier projects is several years away.

Design for the Longwood barrier is expected to be complete in the Spring of 1999. The 20 percent local match has already been allocated in Montgomery County's FY 2000 budget. Any decision to advance construction funding for this project is complicated. Separating this particular project from the others that were similarly approved would likely raise negative responses from the other communities. The estimated State share of the Longwood sound barrier is \$1.6M. The State share of all of the announced barriers in Montgomery County is \$12.5M.

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The Honorable Marilyn R. Goldwater  
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Dear Marilyn:

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Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for these projects. If you need any additional information regarding any of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

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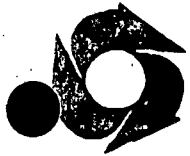
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November 16, 1998

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
3123 Belair Drive  
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Dear ~~Senator~~ <sup>Leo</sup> Green:

Thank you for attending our FY 1999 - FY 2003 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) Tour meeting in Prince George's County. During this meeting you provided a letter outlining your priorities in Prince George's County. You also provided letters on behalf of the City of Greenbelt and the City of Bowie identifying transportation priorities in these areas. I have enclosed copies of our responses to the City of Greenbelt and the City of Bowie concerning their transportation priorities.

As indicated during our meeting, engineering for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes along US 50, from US 301 to MD 410, is being finalized. Construction funding is still an issue to be resolved. The construction schedule depends on availability of funding in FY 2000.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will reevaluate the sound barrier request of the Princeton Square community in conjunction with the proposed HOV lane addition along US 50. This community does not qualify for consideration under SHA's Type II, or Retrofit, component of the State's Sound Barrier Program because the community does not predate the original construction of US 50.

As promised, the additional 350 evergreen and flowering trees were planted in the vicinity of the US 50/US 301 interchange this past Spring. Some of these trees need to be replaced as a result of drought, and this work is scheduled for next Spring. We also intend to plant additional shrubs and ornamental trees to enhance landscaping in the interchange approaches.

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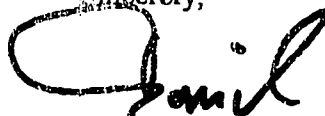
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The Prince George's County Planning Board reviewed and approved the application for the Subdivision Preliminary Plats for the proposed Amber Ridge shopping center along US 301 at Pointer Ridge Drive. The approval is conditional, based on the transportation improvement requirements identified in the resolution. The developer is required to complete improvements on US 301 and Pointer Ridge Drive before building permits are issued.

With regard to the Hall Road Local Activity Center along MD 214, it is understood the Planning Board denied the applicant's rezoning request. While we are concerned about transportation safety and mobility, the development process is a local issue and is decided by the Prince George's County Council and Planning Board. Should this development receive County approvals in the future, SHA would be pleased to meet with representatives of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, and the City of Bowie to identify and evaluate various alternatives for mitigation.

Thank you again for your continued interest in transportation issues. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams, who may be reached at 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770.

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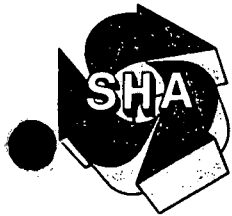
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September 8, 1998

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
3123 Belair Drive  
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Dear Senator Green:

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding the MD 450 project between Bell Station Road and Stonybrook Drive. It is my pleasure to give you the following status report on the project.

Engineering plans for this section of MD 450 are approximately 60 percent complete. We made the decision approximately one year ago to proceed with a 20 foot median for MD 450 for safety reasons. All engineering work done since that time has been on the basis of a 20 foot median.

A major milestone in the engineering phase should be reached in November, when we hold a semi-final review of the engineering plans. Current activities include coordination with utility companies on utility relocation requirements, completion of property plats, preparation of applications for stormwater management and erosion and sediment control permits, coordination with communities on noise wall design issues, and coordination with the City of Bowie on right-of-way donation requirements.

If you have any additional questions regarding the MD 450 project, please feel free to call me or our Project Engineer, Mr. Marty Cohn, who can be reached at 410-545-8901 or 1-888-204-7656.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Marty Cohn, Project Engineer, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Planning Director, State Highway Administration

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September 2, 1998

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
3123 Belair Drive  
Bowie MD 20715-3195

*Leo*  
Dear Senator Green:

This is a follow up to my July 17 letter to you regarding the construction of sound barriers along US 50. I appreciate your patience as we gathered the following information.

Our records indicate that the following communities along US 50 received a sound barrier under the Type I component of our sound barrier program: The Meadows, Enterprise Estates, Willow Grove, Carsondale/Whitfield, City of Bowie, the older section of Greenwood Acres, Heritage Harbour/North River Forest and Winchester Heights. My letter to you of August 17 indicated the reasons for the approval of the US 50 barriers for those communities west of Bowie.

A barrier is under construction for the Landover Hills community along US 50 inside the Capital Beltway under our Type II, or retrofit, program. Landover Hills met the criteria for the Type II program because the community predated the original highway, existing noise levels equaled or exceeded the 66 decibel impact threshold, and an effective barrier could be built for a reasonable cost.

Thank you again for your interest in this issue. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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July 17, 1998

SECRETARY DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
3123 Belair Drive  
Bowie MD 20715-3195

Dear Senator Green:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting noise measurements at the Princeton Square community which included Ms. Catherine Andreoli's letter asking for information about the communities along US 50 with sound barriers. I appreciate your continued interest in this issue.

In my previous letter to you about the eligibility of Princeton Square for a sound barrier, I indicated that the area did not meet the eligibility date criterion. When it is determined that a community does not meet the eligibility date criterion, no further analysis, including noise readings, is undertaken, because to do so would raise expectations which could not be met. There may be a possibility that measurements could be taken by Prince George's County or if the community would like, we can provide the names of independent firms, which can obtain this information for them. If the community would like to pursue either of these options, they can contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Ms. Andreoli said she would like information regarding communities along US 50 that received sound barriers. Her response requires information from several sources. Presently, Mr. Adams and his staff are securing this information. I look forward to being able to share this information with you within the next few weeks.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: *Copy*  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Community Names	Program	Highway	Noise impact	Constructed
(The Meadows) Lottsford Maiden Drive	I	US 50	future	Type I after highway improv'ts
Enterprise Estates	I	US 50	future	Type I after highway improv'ts
Willow Grove	I	US 50	future	Type I after highway improv'ts
Carsondale/Whitfield	I	US 50	future	Type I with highway improv'ts
City of Bowie	I	US 50	future	Type I with highway improv'ts
Greenwood Acres	I	US 50	future	Type I with highway improv'ts
Heritage Harbor /North River Forest	I	US 50	future	Type I with highway improv'ts
Winchester Heights	I	US 50	future	Type I with highway improv'ts
Bellmeade	II	US 50	existing	Type II
Landover Hills	II	US 50	existing	Type II

Each acknowledged community in the planning study will be impacted by highway noise at some point.



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August 17, 1998

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
3123 Belair Road  
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Dear ~~Senator~~ <sup>Leo</sup> Green:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the approval of sound barriers for communities adjacent to US 50 west of Bowie. I am providing you with information that I hope will clarify the situation.

In October of 1997, State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams wrote you on this issue. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your information. The approval of sound barriers for the Willow Grove and Enterprise Estates communities was made after it had been determined that there had been an oversight in the environmental impact analysis regarding these areas and similar areas adjacent to US 50 in Annapolis. Based upon this information, the decision was made to build barriers for the Willow Grove/Enterprise Estates area. I hope that this clarifies the reasons for the approval of those barriers.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Parker F. Williams, SHA Administrator, at 410-545-0400 or toll free at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Mary A. Conroy, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
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August 7, 1998

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
3123 Belair Drive  
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Dear Senator Green:

This is a follow-up to Mr. Skip Hedgepath's letter dated May 10 regarding a sound barrier for the community of Northview. Thank you for your patience as staff at the State Highway Administration compiled the answers to Mr. Hedgepath's questions.

While Mr. Hedgepath and his neighbors may hear traffic on US 50, his community is located approximately 1,500 feet from the highway, a distance at which the 66 decibel (dBA) impact threshold is not exceeded. Therefore, a sound barrier was not studied for the Northview community. The decision to build barriers for communities west of the Bowie area on US 50 was made because there had been an oversight in the environmental impact analysis for those communities. You recently discussed this with Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design.

Mr. Hedgepath questioned our use of the date criterion as an issue of consideration for his community. The key determinant with regard to the Northview community is that noise levels from US 50 do not exceed the impact threshold, and a barrier cannot be considered.

Mr. Hedgepath also asked when and where noise measurements were taken. In 1980 the entire US 50 corridor between I-495/I-95 and the South River was studied to determine the extent of anticipated noise impacts. Measurements were taken at the then proposed Bowie Hospital site. The measurement was 58 dBA and was projected to increase to 60 dBA in the year 2005 as the result of the expansion of US 50. In the summer of 1997, an analysis was performed to assess the potential noise impacts resulting from proposed High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. Because of the distance of Mr. Hedgepath's community from US 50, noise measurements were not taken within the community.

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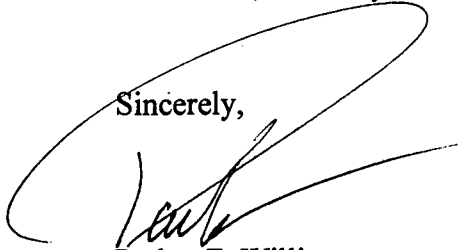
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The Honorable Leo E. Green  
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March 26, 1998

The Honorable David L. Winstead  
Secretary, Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 8755  
BWI Airport, MD 21240-0755

Dear Secretary Winstead:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Skip Hedgepath of 4109 New Haven Drive in Bowie, Maryland 20716, regarding sound barriers on eastbound Route 50 in Bowie. As you can read in his enclosed letter, Mr. Hedgepath is concerned over the increasing amount of noise experienced by himself and his neighbors due to traffic on Route 50. He surmises that the elevated noise levels are due to both new construction in the area which has decreased the number of trees that provided a barrier to such, as well as escalating traffic. In any event, he is interested in alleviating the problem by sound barriers or new paving.

If you would review the enclosed and provide me with your comments on such, it would be greatly appreciated. In advance, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Leo Green*  
Leo Green  
State Senator  
23rd District of Maryland

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**HEDGEPATH  
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BOWIE, MARYLAND 20716-1061  
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**March 25, 1998**

**Senator Leo Green  
212 James Senate Office Bldg.  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991**

**Dear Senator Green:**

This letter is a follow-up to our telephone conversation regarding sound barriers along eastbound Route 50 & the Route 197 ramp. Since the Rt 197 & 50 interchange was redesigned several years ago, the noise level has grown considerably. Rt 50 was widened & moved to the south somewhat, while 197 was moved 200 yards closer to the neighborhood (southward). Also, the land that was claimed by the roadwork consisted of several soccer fields & a large wooded area. The tree buffer plus the open space supplied by the fields kept the drone of Rt 50 to a tolerable level.

As I observe the construction of other sound barriers along the Rt 50 corridor, I realize there's a considerable cost associated with such an undertaking. Now that the construction of new buildings at the Bowie Health Center complex has further reduced the number of trees, the noise level has increased dramatically. In fact, at night with the windows closed, the noise from Rt 50 permeates the neighborhood, & is annoying inside the homes as well.

An alternative to sound barriers might be to resurface Rt 50 with asphalt similar to that found just east of the Rts 50/301 interchange. Anyone who has ever driven on asphalt knows how much quieter it is than concrete surfaces. Given the deteriorating condition of the Rt 50 concrete surface between Freeway Airport & the 197 interchange, perhaps applying a layer of asphalt would protect the concrete while decreasing the noise level.

I would suggest starting the resurfacing on Rt 50E at about the 1/2 mile sign for the 197 exit (from the westbound direction) continuing at least to the footbridge over Rt 50 (just east of 197). (See attached diagrams of the interchange past & present)

I appreciated the time you spent listening to my idea. Feel free to call me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

*Skip*  
Skip Hedgepath

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May 10, 1998

Senator Leo Green  
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Annapolis, MD 21401-1691

*Parker*  
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Signature

Dear Senator Green:

I wanted to thank you and Mr. David Winstead for your timely responses to my letter regarding the noise level on US 50 near MD 197. Having received a copy of Mr. Winstead's response to you, I wanted to take this opportunity to question several points that he raised.

1) He stated my community did not meet the date criterion having been built about twenty some years following the completion of US 50. I would like to point out that a noise barrier was completed several months ago on westbound US 50, west of Enterprise Rd. Another noise barrier is currently under construction on eastbound US 50 just east of the I-95 interchange. The homes in both of these communities were constructed after mine.

In both instances I was able to watch the construction of these communities during my daily commute into Washington, DC. from Bowie.

2) Mr. Winstead later talks about environmental analyses performed to evaluate anticipated noise levels in my community. I'm wondering when & where these were performed. For example, what time of day, & from where the readings were taken. I question these analyses because several construction projects have been underway since the redesign of the 50/301 interchange. The recent construction of additions to the Bowie Health Center & the Senior Care facility has led to the loss of many sound buffering trees. Mr. Winstead also talks about a 66 db noise level as a threshold, which is one that compares quite favorably with the target interior noise levels sought after by many luxury automobile manufacturers. As anyone who has recently travelled on eastbound US 50 near the MD 197 ramp can attest, the Bowie Health Center construction literally comes to the road's edge.

I hope these issues can also be addressed in a timely manner. I look forward to your continued assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

*Skip Hedgepath*  
Skip Hedgepath



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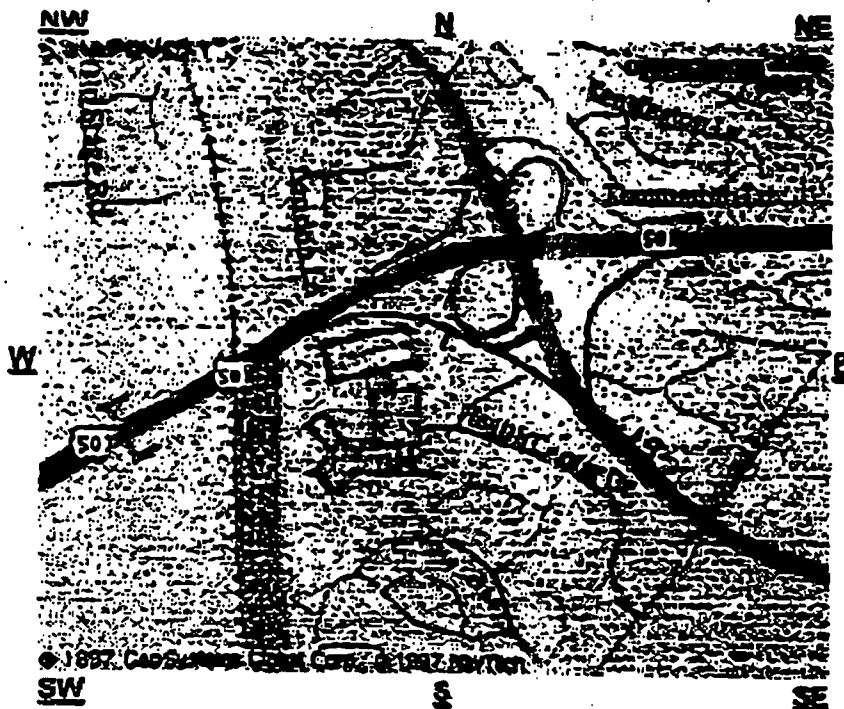
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From: Jim Hade  
To: FEisen  
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Subject: Northview at Lake Village, Skip Hedgepath

Fred:

Recently we sent an interim letter to Skip Hedgepath living on New Haven drive on US 50, West of MD 197 .

We had last sent an interim letter to Leo Green promising to get back by the end of July. Please review the last letter to him, his May 10 letter to Leo Green, the FEIS records and the plat date information that is in the red folder on your desk. Please initiate a response to him on the points in his May 10 letter, using the plat approval date in the context of the improvement approval date.

Thanks  
Jim

PS: Philip... I found a revised draft for the Leo Green letter, which I added to the red notebook in front of the draft that I prepared.

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**Maryland Department of Transportation  
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June 5, 1990

The Honorable Decatur W. Trotter  
The Honorable Nathaniel Exum  
The Honorable Carolyn J. B. Howard  
The Honorable Sylvania W. Woods, Jr.  
5611 Landover Road  
Hyattsville, Maryland 20784

Dear Senator and Delegates:

I am writing to inform you of the results of our noise studies for the Willow Grove community adjacent to US 50.

We have completed our noise monitoring at the areas agreed upon by the community, and have found that noise levels meet or exceed the 67 decibel impact threshold at the end of Bald Hill Terrace and between 4016 and 4030 Caribon Street. We had intended to perform continuous 24-hour studies simultaneously at three locations from Thursday through Tuesday; however, unfavorable weather conditions this spring did not permit this to happen. We were unable to perform a Sunday-Monday test, and the data at one location (4102 Caribon Court) was lost due to an equipment failure. After examining the data we had collected, we feel that we have information that accurately represents noise conditions in the community.

We also performed simultaneous ground level and second story monitoring. As we expected, noise levels were the same or slightly higher (1-4 dBA) at the second floor locations. This is because sound traveling above the ground to the second floor is not reduced by absorption or scattering from the ground. We also performed vibration studies which found no significant vibration levels during the test periods.

We have reconfirmed that the construction of the residences occurred between 1985 and 1988, well after the original highway and several years after June 1982, when location approval was given for the US 50 upgrade. It is our policy that noise barriers should be considered only where construction of a highway caused the impact to an existing development. Location approval is considered the official date of public knowledge of a highway project. Because Willow Grove was constructed after location approval was given, the community is not eligible for noise barriers.

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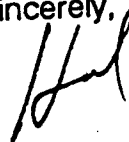
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A landscape project will be undertaken upon completion of the highway construction. We will give full consideration to screening needs adjacent to the Willow Grove area. This should provide some psychological relief by screening the highway from view.

I regret that I cannot offer a more positive response to you and your constituents, but I hope that I have adequately explained why the area does not qualify for inclusion in our noise abatement program. Do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Hal Kassoff  
Administrator

HK/t

cc: Mr. Creston J. Mills, Jr.  
Mr. Charles B. Adams



**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
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June 4, 1990

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 1518 Federal Office Building  
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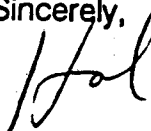
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The Honorable Decatur W. Trotter  
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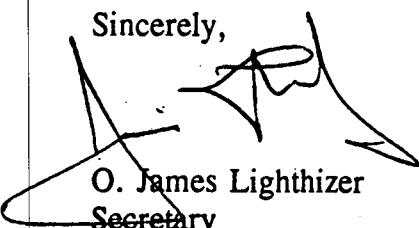
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy Secretary Tom Osborne at (410) 859-7261 or State Highway Administrator Hal Kassoff at (410) 333-1111.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Thomas L. Osborne  
Mr. Hal Kassoff

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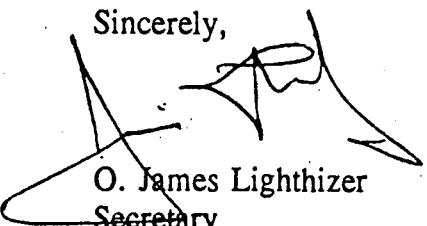
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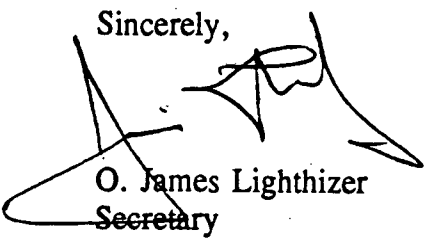
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**SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION**

October 18, 1994

Mr O. James Lighthizer  
Secretary  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
Baltimore-Washington Airport  
P. O. Box 8755  
Baltimore, Maryland 21240

Dear Mr. Lighthizer:

I have recently met with the Enterprise Citizens Association of Mitchellville, Maryland. This citizens association represents a group of homeowners whose subdivision is adjacent to Willow Grove. As you remember, this civic association is the one that was recently granted approval for sound barriers. As stated in the attached letter, Governor Schaefer determined that the design work for the Willow Grove sound barriers should be starting soon.

It is my position that the residents of Enterprise Estates are deserving of sound barriers and that the design process should begin simultaneously with that of Willow Grove. There are several compelling arguments for beginning both projects at the same time. First, both communities are behind route 50 and are less than 500 feet apart. Secondly, it is more cost effective to start the process for both since these two communities requested relief from noise caused by traffic flow from route 50 at the same time.

Please contact my office this week and let me know how you plan to proceed with this matter. I trust that this group will receive favorable consideration on the inclusion of sound barriers near their community.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Decatur W. Trotter

Senator, 24th Legislative District



*File to: Willow Grove*

February 13, 1995

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The Honorable Decatur W. Trotter  
Senate of Maryland  
313 James Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Trotter:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier for the Willow Grove Community. As you state in your letter, we have determined that an effective sound barrier can be constructed within our cost criteria. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is therefore preparing design plans and specifications for this area.

As you asked, subsequent to the request to study Willow Grove, the State Highway Administration initiated preliminary studies for the Enterprise Estates, Vista Estates, and Lottsford communities. These preliminary analyses will be completed this spring. Once these additional investigations are complete, we will be able to see the big picture for noise abatement along this section of US 50. Therefore, I think it best that we not go beyond the design phase on the Willow Grove project until all preliminary analyses of the area have been finished. In the meantime, design activities for Willow Grove will remain unaffected. The State Highway Administration will keep you and your constituents apprised as the design proceeds.

Thank you again for your interest in noise abatement possibilities for this area. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact State Highway Administrator Hal Kassoff at (410) 333-1111.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Mr. Hal Kassoff

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May 22, 1995

The Honorable Decatur W. Trotter  
Senate of Maryland  
313 James Senate Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

~~Decatur~~  
Dear Senator Trotter:

I am writing to follow up on the issue of noise barriers on US 50 for the communities of Willow Grove, Enterprise Estates, Vista Estates, and Lottsford.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has completed the studies to determine whether effective noise barriers could be built within our current cost criterion. I am pleased to be able to tell you that each of the communities can be protected by a barrier within our maximum cost guidelines. This determination had previously been made only for the Willow Grove community.

SHA is in the process of developing final construction documents for these barriers. While we have not yet identified funding for them, this issue is a priority we will be addressing and which we hope to resolve by this coming fall.

I trust you will be pleased with this result. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. John Lewis, of my staff, at (410) 859-7966.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Hal Kassoff  
Mr. John Lewis  
Mr. Thomas L. Osborne

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The Honorable Decatur Trotter  
Senate of Maryland  
313 James Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Trotter:

I am writing in follow-up on the issue of noise barriers on US 50 for the communities of Willow Grove, Enterprise Estates, Vista Estates and Lottsford.

The studies to determine if effective noise barriers could be built within our current cost criterion have been completed by the State Highway Administration (SHA). These studies have concluded that each of the communities can be protected by a barrier within our maximum cost guidelines. This determination had previously been made for the Willow Grove community. I am pleased to be able to tell you of this positive result.

SHA is in the process of developing final construction documents for these barriers. At this point, we have not identified funding for these barriers. Please be assured that this is a priority we will be addressing and hope to have resolved before the construction documents are completed this coming fall.

I hope you will be pleased with this information. We still have a little work to do on the finding, but this should be resolved over the next few months.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Lewis of my staff. John may be reached at (410) 859-7966.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. John Lewis  
Mr. Hal Kassoff  
Mr. Thomas Osborne

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
3123 Belair Drive  
Bowie MD 20715-3198

Dear Senator Green:

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Skip Hedgepath's May 10 letter regarding a sound barrier for Northview community. I appreciate this opportunity to clarify his questions.

Mr. Hedgepath asks specific questions that require collecting information from a number of sources. The analysis is expected to be completed by the end of July and we will contact you with the results.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration



**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
The Secretary's Office

July 17, 1998

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**John D. Porcari**  
Deputy Secretary

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
3123 Belair Drive  
Bowie MD 20715-3195

Dear Senator Green:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting noise measurements at the Princeton Square community which included Ms. Catherine Andreoli's letter asking for information about the communities along US 50 with sound barriers. I appreciate your continued interest in this issue.

In my previous letter to you about the eligibility of Princeton Square for a sound barrier, I indicated that the area did not meet the eligibility date criterion. When it is determined that a community does not meet the eligibility date criterion, no further analysis, including noise readings, is undertaken, because to do so would raise expectations which could not be met. There may be a possibility that measurements could be taken by Prince George's County or if the community would like, we can provide the names of independent firms, which can obtain this information for them. If the community would like to pursue either of these options, they can contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Ms. Andreoli said she would like information regarding communities along US 50 that received sound barriers. Her response requires information from several sources. Presently, Mr. Adams and his staff are securing this information. I look forward to being able to share this information with you within the next few weeks.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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June 30, 1998

The Honorable David L. Winstead  
Secretary, Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 8755  
BWI Airport, MD 21230-0755

Dear Secretary Winstead:

Thank you for your letter of June 12, 1998, regarding the Princeton Square Communities request for a sound barrier. Enclosed, please find Ms. Andreoli's response to your assessment in this regard. If you would review the enclosed and once again provide me with your comments on such, it would be greatly appreciated.

In advance, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Leo Green*  
Leo Green  
State Senator  
23rd District of Maryland

*How about the Place?*

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4610 Langston Drive  
Bowie, Maryland 20715  
June 30, 1998

Dear Senator Green,

I was quite surprised by the response from the State Highway Administration. It seems to me that I clearly remember watching some of the communities currently receiving noise barriers being built well after I had moved into Princeton Square. I also seem to recall that the modifications to Route 50 occurred at the same time as the modifications near Princeton Square. In addition I cannot think of one community except Princeton Square that has not received a noise barrier along the Route 50 corridor between DC and the Bay Bridge. In any case all of the information regarding which communities have received barriers should be a matter of Public record and the details should be available from the SHA.

Regarding the noise level, the last study was done circa 1985 and another study would give us a more definite answer as to the current noise level and impact on the community.

As a parent and a nurse I believe that the safety of the community should also be a concern of the SHA.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Catherine F. Andreoli RN, EdM, CCRN

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 07/02/98 /cdj SERIAL#: 11664

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 07/06/98

FROM: Green, Leo 06/30/98

RE: THANK YOU FOR LETTER ON JUNE 12, 1998 REGARDING  
THE PRINCETON SQUARE COMMUNITIES REQUEST

RESPOND BY: 07/13/98

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June 29, 1998

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
3123 Belair Drive  
Bowie MD 20715-3198

Dear ~~Leo~~ Senator Green:

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Skip Hedgepath's recent letter regarding a sound barrier for the Northview community. I appreciate this opportunity to respond to his questions.

Mr. Hedgepath asks specific questions that require collecting information from a number of sources. The analysis is expected to be completed by the end of July, and we will contact you with the results.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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OF TRANSPORTATION

May 10, 1998

Senator Leo Green  
212 Jernan Senate Office Bldg.  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1091

Please Prepare Response for Secretary's  
Signature

Dear Senator Green:

I wanted to thank you and Mr. David Winstead for your timely responses to my letter regarding the noise level on US 50 near MD 187. Having received a copy of Mr. Winstead's response to you, I wanted to take this opportunity to question several points that he raised.

1) He stated my community did not meet the date criterion having been built about twenty-one years following the completion of US 50. I would like to point out that a noise barrier was completed several months ago on westbound US 50, west of Enterprise Rd. Another noise barrier is currently under construction on eastbound US 50 just east of the I-95 interchange. The homes in both of these communities were constructed after mine.

In both instances I was able to watch the construction of these communities during my daily commute into Washington, DC. from Bowie.

2) Mr. Winstead later talks about environmental analyses performed to evaluate anticipated noise levels in my community. I'm wondering when & where those were performed. For example, what time of day, & from where the readings were taken. I question these analyses because several construction projects have been underway since the redesign of the 50/301 interchange. The recent construction of additions to the Bowie Health Center & the Senior Care facility has led to the loss of many sound buffering trees. Mr. Winstead also talks about a 66 db noise level as a threshold, which is one that compares quite favorably with the target interior noise levels sought after by many luxury automobile manufacturers. As anyone who has recently travelled on eastbound US 50 near the MD 187 ramp can attest, the Bowie Health Center construction literally comes to the road's edge.

I hope these issues can also be addressed in a timely manner. I look forward to your continued assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

*Skip Hedgepath*  
Skip Hedgepath

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The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
3123 Belair Drive  
Bowie MD 20715-3198

Dear Senator Green:

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Skip Hedgepath's May 10 letter regarding a sound barrier for Northview community. I appreciate this opportunity to clarify his questions.

Mr. Hedgepath asks specific questions that require collecting information from a number of sources. The analysis is expected to be completed by the end of July and we will contact you with the results.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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The Honorable Leo E. Green  
3123 Belair Drive  
Bowie MD 20715-3195

Dear Senator Green:

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Skip Hedgepath's letter of May 10, 1998 regarding a sound barrier for the eastbound lanes of US 50 at the MD 197 ramp in Bowie. I appreciate this opportunity to clarify his questions.

Mr. Hedgepath is correct that a noise barrier was completed several months ago on Westbound US 50 just east of I 95 interchange. The upgrade of US 50 was studied under two separate environmental documentation processes. During the environmental analysis process for the eastern half two communities were identified as being impacted in future years. The analysis was inconsistent with our noise policy which uses the home construction date (not plat approval date) as what must occur prior to location approval for the highway in order to be considered for noise abatement.

The communities of Enterprise Estates requested equal treatment and were reanalyzed and found to qualify under the Type 1 program assumptions used for the eastern part of the analysis. We are now conducting a similar review for your community. We expect to have the analysis completed by the end of July and will contact you with the results.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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Drafted by: James Hade, OED/LAD/NAT -- June 18, 1998  
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**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
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John D. Porcari  
Deputy Secretary

June 12, 1998

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
3123 Belair Drive  
Bowie MD 20715-3198

Dear ~~Senator~~ <sup>Leo</sup> Green:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting further review of the Princeton Square community for sound barrier eligibility. I appreciate your interest in this matter.

In her letter to you, Ms. Catherine Andreoli's suggested that new communities along US 50 were receiving sound barriers. All communities located along US 50 that have received barriers met the criteria for our Type I program. Under this program, the majority of impacted homes must have existed prior to the date on which the proposed highway improvements were approved. Unfortunately, the Princeton Square community does not meet this criterion.

Princeton Square was also reviewed for our Type II program, which requires a community to have existed prior to the original construction of the highway. Since this community postdates the original construction of US 50, it is also not eligible for sound barriers under the Type II program.

In her letter, Ms. Andreoli also said that a recent article appeared in the *Bowie Blade* stating that noise levels had more than doubled since 1985. The State Highway Administration (SHA) has no record of a conversation with the *Bowie Blade* and would appreciate knowing when any article was published. Such an article notwithstanding, the date requirement remains the controlling factor on community eligibility for sound barriers.

Finally, Ms. Andreoli indicated that the community removed a playground located close to the highway because there were no barriers in place to prevent the possible intrusion of vehicles into this facility. Although I sympathize with the legitimate concern of parents for the welfare of their children, it is important to remember that the primary purpose of sound barriers is to reduce the impacts of highway noise.

My telephone number is (410)- 865-1000

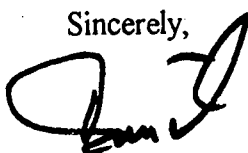
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The Honorable Leo E. Green  
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Thank you again for your letter. I regret that we are unable to accommodate the Princeton Square Community's request for sound barriers. As you know, funding is always scarce, and there are still many communities that qualify for a Type I program that are still waiting for their barriers. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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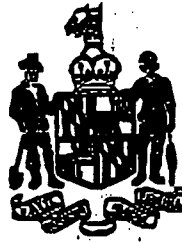
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**SENATE OF MARYLAND**

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*Parker*

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May 29, 1998

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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION

The Honorable David L. Winstead  
Secretary, Dept. of Transportation  
P.O. Box 8755  
BWI Airport, MD 21240-0755

Dear Secretary Winstead:

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Princeton Square Home Owner's Association regarding sound barriers in their community. As you can read in Catherine Andreoli's enclosed letter, Princeton Square borders Route 50 in Bowie and when a barrier request was made previously it was denied. However, as Ms. Andreoli, Secretary for the HOA points out, the situation has not changed.

I believe further review is warranted in this case. If you would review the enclosed and provide me with your assistance in this regard, it would be greatly appreciated. In advance, thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Leo Green*  
Leo Green  
State Senator  
23rd District of Maryland

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4610 Langston Drive  
Bowie, Maryland 20715

May 27, 1998

Dear *Senator Green*

Several years ago the Princeton Square Community requested Of the State Highway Administration that Noise Barriers be built along Route 50 where it borders several private homes and the Princeton Square Community. Our request was denied for several reasons however, we now believe the situation has changed.

1. We were told that Route 50 was in existence prior to Princeton Square and therefore we were not entitled to barriers however many communities that were built after Route 50 have now received Noise Barriers.
2. We were told that the noise level was not loud enough to warrant noise barriers based on a study circa 1985. In the Bowie Blade recently an article appeared stating that according to the State Highway Administration the noise level had more than doubled since 1985.
3. As a result of the expansion of Route 50 our Community removed a playground because of its proximity to the highway and the fact that there were no barriers in place to prevent a car from rolling down the hill into the playground.

For these reasons we believe it is time for reconsideration by the State Highway Administration. We would like your assistance in obtaining Noise Barriers for the Princeton Square Community

Sincerely,

*Catherine F. Andreoli*

Catherine F. Andreoli  
Vice President Princeton Square HOA



# Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

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April 6, 1998

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
212 James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear ~~Senator~~ <sup>Lee</sup> Green:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr. Skip Hedgepath regarding a sound barrier for the eastbound lanes of US 50 at the MD 197 ramp in Bowie. I appreciate this opportunity to clarify how the State's Sound Barrier Policy applies to your constituent's community.

For a community to be considered for a sound barrier, noise levels must exceed 66 decibels, the majority of the impacted homes must have been built prior to the original construction of the highway, and an effective barrier must be able to be built at a reasonable cost. The tax records indicate that Mr. Hedgepath's community was developed between 1979 and 1982. The system opening of US 50, however, was in the mid to late 1950s. Based upon this last piece of information, we are unable to consider a sound barrier for this community.

Although Mr. Hedgepath's community is not eligible for a sound barrier because it fails to meet the date criterion, we did review previous environmental analyses to see what information was available on the noise levels in the area. The last analysis indicated that the 66 decibel impact line would not extend more than 200 feet from US 50. The area of concern is more than 1,300 feet from US 50 and more than 400 feet from MD 197. Although residents hear traffic noise at these distances, those levels would be below the 66 decibel threshold.

Mr. Hedgepath recommends repaving a section of US 50 to reduce noise levels. Although some asphalt pavements result in less tire noise than concrete pavements, changing the pavement surface would not reduce noise levels by a significant amount. In any event, however, we do not use repaving as a noise abatement solution, and Mr. Hedgepath's community does not qualify for State-assisted noise abatement.

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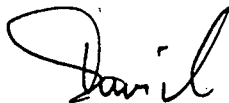
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Thank you again for your letter. I regret that I am unable to offer a positive response. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

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March 26, 1998

The Honorable David L. Winstead  
Secretary, Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 8755  
BWI Airport, MD 21240-0755

Dear Secretary Winstead:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Skip Hedgepath of 4109 New Haven Drive in Bowie, Maryland 20716, regarding sound barriers on eastbound Route 50 in Bowie. As you can read in his enclosed letter, Mr. Hedgepath is concerned over the increasing amount of noise experienced by himself and his neighbors due to traffic on Route 50. He surmises that the elevated noise levels are due to both new construction in the area which has decreased the number of trees that provided a barrier to such, as well as escalating traffic. In any event, he is interested in alleviating the problem by sound barriers or new paving.

If you would review the enclosed and provide me with your comments on such, it would be greatly appreciated. In advance, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Leo Green*  
Leo Green  
State Senator  
23rd District of Maryland

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March 25, 1998

Senator Leo Green  
212 James Senate Office Bldg.  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Green:

This letter is a follow-up to our telephone conversation regarding sound barriers along eastbound Route 50 & the Route 197 ramp. Since the Rt 197 & 50 interchange was redesigned several years ago, the noise level has grown considerably. Rt 50 was widened & moved to the south somewhat, while 197 was moved 200 yards closer to the neighborhood (southward). Also, the land that was claimed by the roadwork consisted of several soccer fields & a large wooded area. The tree buffer plus the open space supplied by the fields kept the drone of Rt 50 to a tolerable level.

As I observe the construction of other sound barriers along the Rt 50 corridor, I realize there's a considerable cost associated with such an undertaking. Now that the construction of new buildings at the Bowie Health Center complex has further reduced the number of trees, the noise level has increased dramatically. In fact, at night with the windows closed, the noise from Rt 50 permeates the neighborhood, & is annoying inside the homes as well.

An alternative to sound barriers might be to resurface Rt 50 with asphalt similar to that found just east of the Rts 50/301 interchange. Anyone who has ever driven on asphalt knows how much quieter it is than concrete surfaces. Given the deteriorating condition of the Rt 50 concrete surface between Freeway Airport & the 197 interchange, perhaps applying a layer of asphalt would protect the concrete while decreasing the noise level.

I would suggest starting the resurfacing on Rt 50E at about the 1/2 mile sign for the 197 exit (from the westbound direction) continuing at least to the footbridge over Rt 50 (just east of 197). (See attached diagrams of the interchange past & present)

I appreciated the time you spent listening to my idea. Feel free to call me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

*Skip*  
Skip Hedgepath

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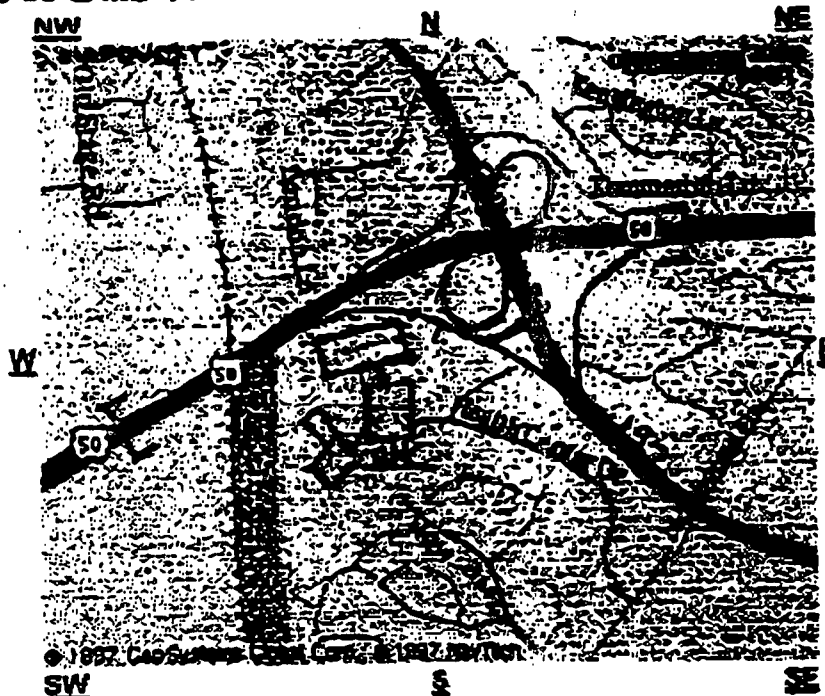
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February 11, 1998

The Honorable Leo E. Green  
Senate of Maryland  
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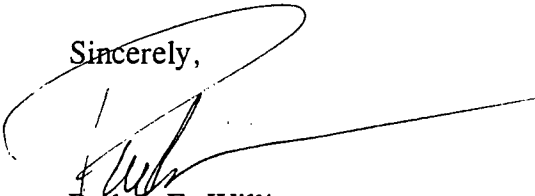
This letter is a follow up to your inquiry to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, about the status of the Kingswood and Lanham Station sound barrier projects. I am pleased to be able to bring you up to date on these two important projects.

The contractor for the Kingswood project is Pioneer Construction, and they have been given a notice to proceed with this contract. Preliminary work has begun. This includes setting up a project field office and preparing shop drawings for State Highway Administration (SHA) approval. On-site activity, including clearing the construction area, should begin shortly.

Bids for the Lanham Station project were received by SHA on February 5. We expect the contractor will be given a notice to proceed with the construction in early Spring.

Thank you again for your inquiry. If you have any additional questions, please let me know, or feel free to contact Mr. Adams 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

  
Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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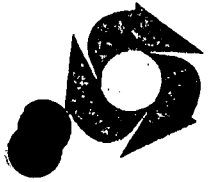
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Deputy Secretary

November 27, 1998

The Honorable Janet Greenip  
Maryland House of Delegates  
214 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Greenip:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting reconsideration of a sound barrier for the residents of the Rutland Estates community adjacent to US 50. I appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns.

The determination that the Rutland Estates area did not qualify for a sound barrier when the environmental analysis was performed in the early 1980s was based on two points. The first was that future noise levels would be below the impact threshold. The second was that there would only be a one-decibel increase in noise levels compared to the levels that would exist if no improvements were made. If noise levels were to exceed the impact threshold, the determining factor would be that there was only a minor increase in noise as a result of the expansion of US 50. Additional measurements at this location would not change this decision. While I certainly understand your concern, the taking of additional measurements would only raise expectations within the community that could not be realized.

Thank you again for your letter. I am sorry I could not give a favorable response to your request and I trust you understand our position. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

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OF TRANSPORTATION

Secretary David L. Winstead  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
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Dear Secretary Winstead,

I am writing in response to a letter you recently sent to homeowners in the Rutland Estates community adjacent to US 50. The letter explains that their community does not meet the necessary requirements to make it eligible for a sound barrier. However, I would like to ask that this matter be reconsidered.

Your letter explains that Rutland Estates is not eligible for sound barriers based on a decibel test that was conducted in 1982. As I understand it, this test was performed to predict future noise levels, and it predicted that road expansions would not increase the decibel levels in Rutland Estates to a level that made it eligible for sound barriers.

Is it not possible that this test made an inaccurate prediction? I do not think that any community should be denied sound barriers based on a test that predicted future decibel levels. I think the state owes the citizens of Rutland Estates a test that accurately measures the current decibel levels. They simply should not be denied sound barriers based on a sixteen year old prediction if current empirical data can be obtained.

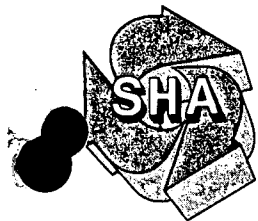
Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Janet Greenip*  
Janet Greenip

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cc: Ms. Mary Ann Gunza  
Ms. Kathryn A. Novicky



**Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration**

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The Honorable Sharon Grosfeld  
Maryland House of Delegates  
9906 Old Spring Road  
Kensington MD 20895

The Honorable Derick Berlage  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Delegate Grosfeld and Councilmember Berlage:

Thank you for attending the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community of Forest Glen Park. Enclosed is a copy of the map presented at the meeting. This map indicates a proposed barrier and the benefit that impacted residences will receive.

Thank you again for your interest. If you should have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

James D. Hade, RLA  
Noise Abatement Team Leader  
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Leon G. Billings, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable John Adams Hurson, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Isiah Leggett, President, Montgomery County Council  
The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., Member, Senate of Maryland  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
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Mr. Fred Gervasi  
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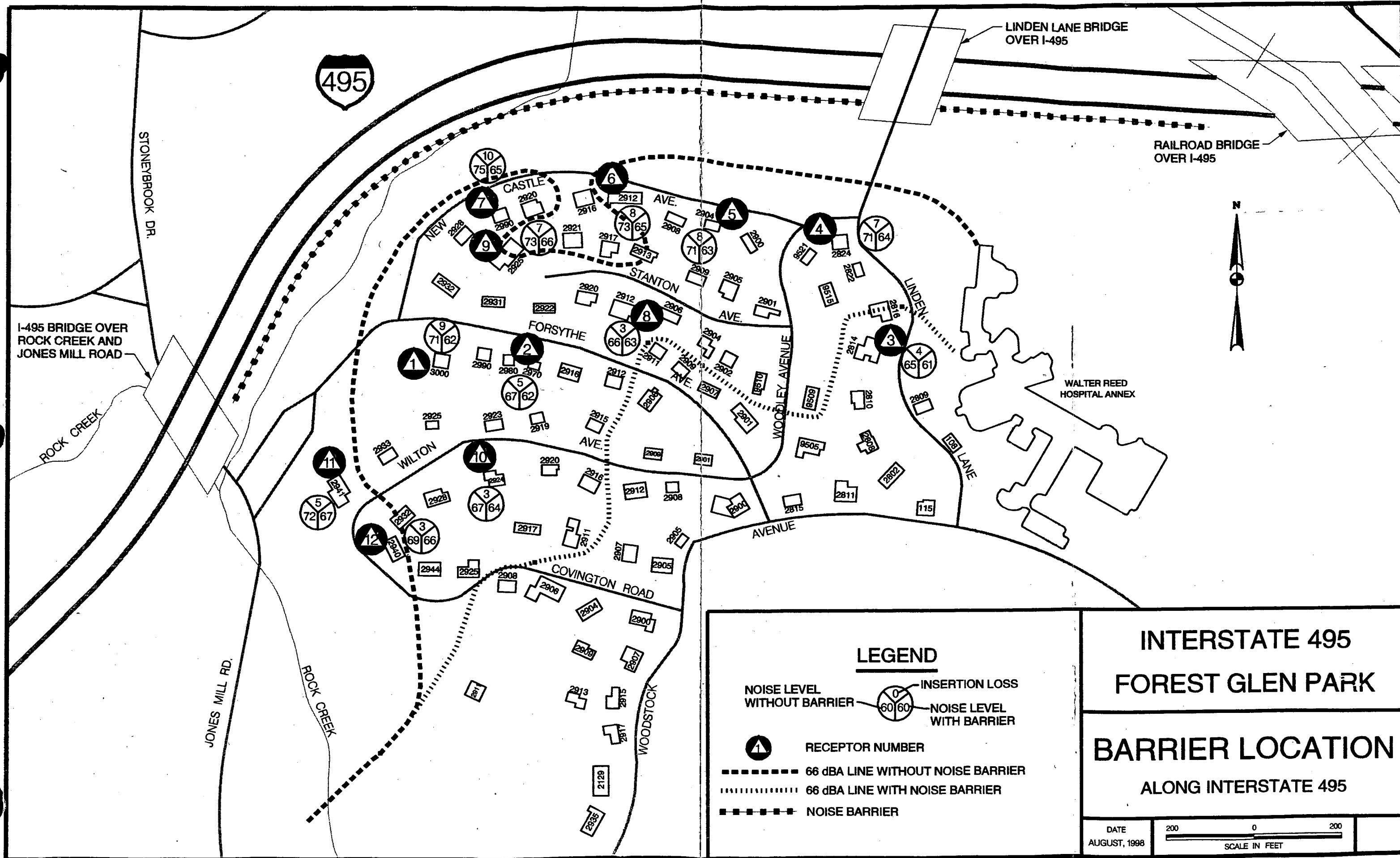
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The Secretary's Office

July 28, 1998

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The Honorable Sharon Grosfeld  
Maryland House of Delegates  
9906 Old Spring Road  
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Dear Sharon:

Thank you for your continuing interest in providing a sound barrier for the Forest Glen Park community along I-495 in Montgomery County. I appreciate your patience as we worked to find a viable solution to this unique challenge.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Forest Glen Park area meets the State Highway Administration's (SHA) technical requirements for a sound barrier. At this time funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not been identified. Funding will be considered in our next update of the Consolidation Transportation Program. In addition to State funding, Montgomery County must commit to fund 20 percent of the project cost.

Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design and his staff would like to meet with the Forest Glen Park community on Tuesday, August 25, 1998, at 7 p.m., to discuss the level of performance a barrier will provide throughout the community. These details will be discussed at the scheduled meeting.

Thank you again for your patience in this matter. We look forward to meeting with you and your constituents in August. If before this time you have any questions, feel free to call me or Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Douglas M. Duncan, Montgomery County Executive  
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Mr. Thomas E. Natan, Jr., President, Forest Glen Park Citizen's Association  
Mr. Graham Norton, Director, Montgomery County Department of Public Works  
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June 4, 1998

The Honorable Sharon Grosfeld  
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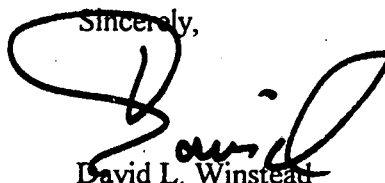
  
Dear Delegate Grosfeld:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting that a decision be made regarding a sound barrier for the Forest Glen Park area. I understand your desire to achieve a resolution of this matter, and I appreciate your patience as we work through the process of making a reasoned decision.

The position of the homes in Forest Glen Park in relationship to the Capital Beltway (I-495) presents a difficult challenge when trying to provide meaningful noise reductions for the impacted homes, within our cost guidelines. The technical analysis developed by the State Highway Administration's (SHA) consultant has just been received at SHA and is being reviewed to determine if an effective sound barrier can be built. Please bear with us for just a bit longer. We need to make very sure there is a viable solution before making a decision. I expect to be back in touch with you during June.

Thank you again for your patience in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
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Drafted by: Natalie Hardy, OED/LAD/NAT -- May 29, 1998

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The Honorable Sharon M. Grosfeld  
Maryland House of Delegates  
223 Lowe House Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Sharon:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in the 18th District regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Forest Glen and Park View Estates communities do meet the eligibility requirements for sound barriers and I have approved funding for their design and future construction. The SHA will begin design of these barriers soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Maryland Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of these barriers once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for these projects. If you need any additional information regarding either of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

*Parris*

Parris N. Glendening  
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# **Maryland Department of Transportation**

The Secretary's Office

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Deputy Secretary

March 24, 1998

The Honorable Sharon M. Grosfeld  
Maryland House of Delegates  
223 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Grosfeld:

This is a follow up to recent letters regarding sound barriers for the community of Forest Glen Park located adjacent to I-495. We have determined that the majority of the affected homes in this community predate the beltway and that noise levels exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold. These determinations satisfy two of the criteria which a community must meet in order to be eligible for a sound barrier under the State's program.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) analyzed the Forest Glen Park area when the most recent expansion of the beltway was being planned and designed. Under the State noise policy in effect at that time, we determined we could not effectively protect a number of the homes, which are significantly elevated above the highway, at a reasonable cost. As a result of revisions to our noise policy, we are revisiting this issue to determine if there may be other sound barrier options that would provide effective noise reduction to the majority of the impacted homes within the Forest Glen Park community. We expect to receive engineering data from our design consultant within the next several weeks. After we have reviewed this information, we will be back in touch with you with the results. You can expect to hear from us by April.

My telephone number is 410-865-1000

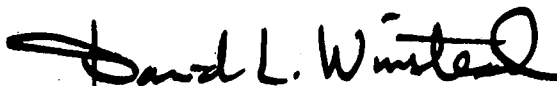
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Thank you for your interest in this issue. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne, Member, Montgomery County Council  
The Honorable Marilyn J. Praisner, Member, Montgomery County Council  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
Administration  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway  
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of  
Transportation

Glenfield  
18th District

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The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

Dear :

This is a follow up to recent letters about sound barriers for the community of Forest Glen Park located adjacent to I-495. This community has, met the first two eligibility criteria of having predated the original highway and is experiencing noise impact levels greater than our 66 decibel impact threshold.

The State Highway Administration studied the community in the last widening work but the analysis showed that a barrier was not feasible due to the severe topography. We are exploring what it will take to offer noise protection to the community. We anticipate being able to share the results of our study by the end of February.

Thank you again for bearing with us during the analysis phase of the policy change. If you have any other questions or would like to discuss this further, please call me, or Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Director of Environmental Design. Mr. Adams can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, SHA

The Honorable  
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bcc: Mr. Paul Armstrong, District Engineer, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, SHA  
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February 27, 1998

Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design  
State Highway Administration  
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Dear Mr. Adams:

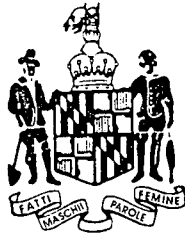
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To reiterate my understanding of the phone conversation--- SHA engineers are once again revisiting the area that has been omitted in current proposals. You will have a solution no later than the end of March that will resolve the noise problems, to the extent possible, given the height at which some of these homes are located. We understand that a letter confirming this and addressing all of the concerns we have expressed will be coming from Secretary Winstead's office.

We will communicate this information to Tom Natan, and send him Secretary Winstead's letter as soon as we receive it, and ask Mr. Natan to share it with all of the concerned parties. Please keep us informed and let us know immediately what solution you will implement and when.

Sincerely,

Sharon Grosfeld



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Dear Mr. Adams:

I read in local media about the results of your analysis of design issues in the Forest Glen Park area regarding noise barriers. Despite assurances from Parker Williams who promised to keep us informed of the general review of the 1996 noise policy, I was not advised of these results by anyone, at SHA.

Although I am somewhat pleased to note that design of some barriers in the Forest Glen area will begin in the spring of 1999, I remain concerned about the sections that have been omitted. I understand that some homes on Wilton Avenue sit too far above the Beltway to provide cost-effective noise abatement. However, there are far more homes in the impacted area that can be helped by sound barriers, namely homes on Newcastle, Stanton, and Forsythe Avenues, and that, therefore, the vast majority of the homes in the impacted areas could see at least a 5 decibel reduction in noise levels. Accordingly, we hope that SHA will implement sound barrier plans for Forest Glen Park based on sound abatement for Newcastle, Stanton and Forsythe, while pursuing other options with Montgomery County and the State for other possible noise abatement for Wilton Avenue.

Would you please tell me how you plan to address the concerns of the homeowners still impacted by intolerable noise levels who currently cannot look forward to the construction of barriers. These are also my concerns, and I look forward to your prompt reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Sharon Grosfeld*  
Sharon Grosfeld

Copies: David Winstead, Secretary, Parker F. Williams, Administrator, DOT/SHA



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Follow up.

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Sincerely,

Sharon Grosfeld

*CBA, I'll work with Irene and we'll create a mail merge with the appropriate addresses for the EOs highlighted in orange. Philip*

**FOREST GLEN PARK -- ELECTED OFFICIALS CONTACTS**

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**Elected Officials we have have written to regarding Forest Glen Park**

Delegate Sharon Grosfeld, 18th District Delegation  
Delegate John Adams Hurson, 18th District Delegation  
Council President Marilyn Praisner, Montgomery County Council

**Elected Officials from the same District Delegation**

Senator Chris Van Hollen, 18th District Delegation  
( Has written concerning Forest Glen, -- but not specifically Forest Glen Park )

Delegate Leon G. Billings, 18th District Delegation  
( No record of any correspondence from his office )

**Elected Officials with related interests**

Representative Connie Morella, U. S. House of Representatives  
( Has written concerning Forest Glen, Timberlawn -- but not specifically Forest Glen Park )

Executive Douglas Duncan, County Executive  
( No record of any correspondence from his office )

Member Betty Anne Krahne, Montgomery County Council  
( Has written requesting any results from the study -- Talked with you at the "Road Show" )



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David L. Winstead  
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Parker F. Williams  
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DATE: January 30th '98

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
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Noise Abatement Design  
and Analysis Section

TO: Del Sharon Grosfeld - Attn: Geraldine Dancy  
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

FROM: Phil Troll - SHA/ED - 410-545-8600  
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

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Please forward this transmittal to the appropriate person as soon as possible. If you have any problems with this transaction, please call our office at (410) 545-8641. The telephone number for the FAX machine at State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design is (410) 209-5003.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Hello Geraldine,  
Here is the press release relating to the  
Governor's announcement regarding sound barriers  
in Montgomery County. Mr. Adams will be in  
the office this afternoon, and should be in touch with you  
shortly. If I can be of any further assistance - don't  
hesitate to ring me -

My telephone number is Phil

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March 4, 1998

Mr. Frank Hall  
Talbot County Planning and Zoning  
Court House  
Easton, MD 21601

Dear Mr. Hall:

Enclosed is information on highway vehicle noise emissions as a function of speed as we recently discussed by telephone. In particular, I've included selected pages from a recently completed Federal Highway Administration report which documents the development of a computer database for a new highway noise prediction model.

Pages 6 & 7 describe the five vehicle types / categories for which the noise vs. speed relationships were developed. The five graphs show the noise emission level of a single vehicle for a given speed, measured at a distance of 50 feet (15 meters) for autos, medium trucks, heavy trucks, buses, and motorcycles. Note that the data is for vehicles on level grade, under cruise conditions, and on an average pavement surface.

Please feel free to contact me at (410)545-8601 or toll free at 1(800)446-5962 if you have any questions or need more information. I can also be reached by e-mail; [kpalcak@sha.state.md.us](mailto:kpalcak@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

Ken Polcak  
Noise Abatement Design and Analysis Team  
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jim Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader

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June 25, 1998

The Honorable Barbara A. Hoffman  
Senate of Maryland  
Suite 301  
6615 Reisterstown Road  
Baltimore MD 21215-2603

Dear Senator Hoffman:

This is a follow up to a request from Mr. Anthony Depastina of your office to Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, about information provided to Mr. David Adelberg regarding a sound barrier for the Greengate community. Congressman Cardin's office also contacted our Office of Environmental Design regarding Mr. Adelberg's concerns, and I am pleased to provide you with a summary of our involvement with Mr. Adelberg.

The Greengate community held a board meeting on Wednesday, June 3 at which the State's eligibility criteria for a sound barrier were discussed. Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, and Ms. Hardy attended this meeting. It was explained that the construction of I-83 was completed in 1962, and lanes were added to both southbound and northbound I-83 in 1971. Both of these construction activities occurred before any of the homes along this area were built and, for this reason, the Greengate community cannot be considered for a sound barrier.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 / 1-800-206-0700

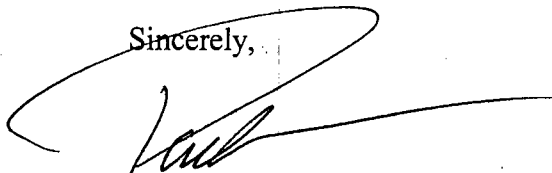
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The Honorable Barbara A. Hoffman  
June 25, 1998  
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Thank you again for your interest in this issue. I trust this information responds to your inquiry. If you have any other questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Member, United States Congress, House of Representatives  
The Honorable James W. Campbell, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Maggie L. McIntosh, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Samuel I. Rosenberg, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. Anthony Depastina, Office of Senator Hoffman, Senate of Maryland  
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Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration

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*Congressman*  
Representative Benjamin L. Cardin *office contacted* *and forwarded a letter* forwarded a letter to our office from Mr. David Adelberg *which* requesting an explanation of our Sound Barrier Policy as it applies to Greengate community. I have enclosed a copy of *Mr. Adelberg's* this letter for your reference.

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Thank you for interest in the Greengate community. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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With the Type I program, noise barriers, when warranted, are built in conjunction with new roadway construction or expansion of existing highways. When deciding where to build a barrier, an environmental analysis is performed during the highway planning phase, to determine if future noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels and, if so, whether they can be reduced for a reasonable cost. Affected homes must predate the approval date of the highway improvements to be considered for this program. According to our records the majority of impacted homes in the Greengate community date back to 1976. Greengate post dates both the original construction of I-83 in 1962 and the subsequent improvements in this area in 1971 and is ineligible for a Type I barrier.

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The Type II, or retrofit, program involves the construction of noise barriers on controlled access highways for communities that predate the original highway. The intent of this program is to address areas of noise impact from highways built before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure State-funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the system opening of the original highway. For I-83, that date was 1962. Unfortunately, the Greengate community does not meet this criterion and is ineligible for a Type II barrier.

Thank you for interest in the Greengate community. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
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May 22, 1998

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States House of Representatives  
Suite 201  
540 E. Belvedere Avenue  
Baltimore MD 21212

Dear Congressman Cardin:

This is a follow up to a recent letter from Mr. R. David Adelberg that Ms. Rene Cohen forwarded to our Office of Environmental Design regarding a sound barrier for the Greengate community along I-83 in Baltimore County. Ms. Cohen asked us to review this area to determine whether it meets the requirements for a sound barrier.

The State's sound barrier program has two components, referred to as Type I and Type II. Type I sound barriers are considered in conjunction with new roadway construction or expansion of existing highways. When we decide where to build a barrier, we perform an environmental analysis during the highway planning phase, to determine whether future noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels and, if so, whether they can be reduced for a reasonable cost. Affected homes must predate the approval date of the highway improvements to be considered for this program. Because the portion of I-83 adjacent to the Greengate area has not been expanded since its original construction, this community does not qualify for a Type I barrier.

The Type II, or retrofit, component involves the construction of sound barriers for communities which were developed before the construction of the original highway. The intent of this program is to address areas of noise impact from highways built before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. To be eligible for a Type II barrier, a community must predate the highway, existing noise levels must equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels, and it must be possible to build an effective barrier that will not cost more than \$50,000 per benefited home.

After going through our data, we found the following information: The homes in the Greengate community date back as early as 1976, but the opening date for I-83 is 1962. The date criterion as defined in our policy only allows us to consider barriers where the majority of a community's impacted homes existed prior to the highway. Since this community fails to meet the Type II date criterion and did not qualify as a Type I community, Greengate is ineligible for a sound barrier under the State's program.

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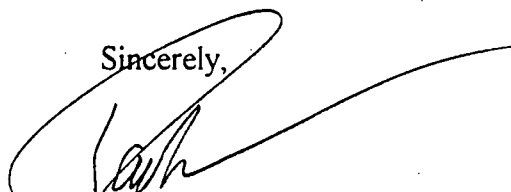
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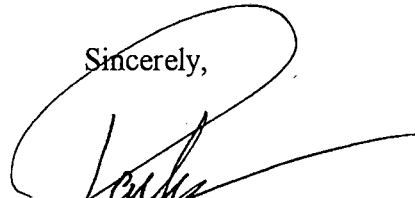
The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger  
Senate of Maryland  
206 James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Hollinger:

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bcc: Mr. T. E. Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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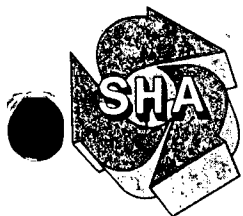
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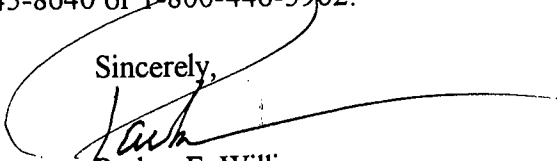
The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim  
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Dear Senator Hollinger and Delegates Finifter, Frank and Morhaim:

Enclosed are copies of interim letters to a number of residents in the Longford North community. Copies of these letters were inadvertently sent to the wrong State elected delegation. We apologize for this oversight. A follow up response to the residents will go out in a few weeks.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

  
Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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DATE: April 15 '98

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Noise Abatement Design  
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TO: Sen Hollinger ~ Mr. Dawn ~ 410-841-3131  
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

FROM: Philip Trull State Highway Admin. - Office of Environmental Design  
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

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Please forward this transmittal to the appropriate person as soon as possible. If you have any problems with this transaction, please call our office at (410) 545-8641. The telephone number for the FAX machine at State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design is (410) 209-5003.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

Hey Dawn,  
Here is a copy of a letter we sent to one of Sen Hollinger's District cohorts regarding the status of our sound barrier efforts for the residents of Morris Avenue. Hope this is of some assistance. As is always the case ~ if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

Philip Trull

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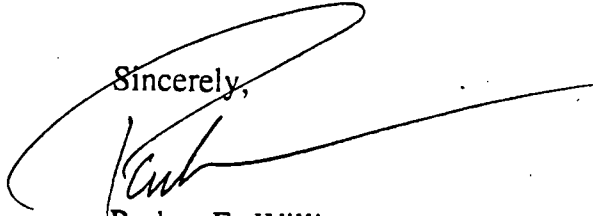
Dear Delegate Frank:

This letter is a follow up to your March 17 discussion with Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, regarding a sound barrier for the residents of Morris Avenue in Lutherville, adjacent to northbound I-83. Our analysis has determined this community meets the date and cost eligibility requirements for a sound barrier.

As Mr. Adams explained, funding for new Type II (retrofit) sound barriers will be considered only in counties which have taken measures to address the effects of highway noise on new residential developments planned adjacent to State highways. To date, four counties--not including Baltimore County--have enacted ordinances which meet these requirements. Passage of such an ordinance and the County's commitment to fund 20 percent of the cost of new barriers are the remaining criteria that must be met before we can consider funding new barriers in Baltimore County.

Enclosed is a one-page description of the local ordinance requirements, together with information on measures currently in place in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. This information has been presented and discussed with Baltimore County staff. We are very interested in providing any assistance we can to help address this issue. Please let me know if you would like any additional information, or feel free to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

Hello Dawn,

As per our conversation of a few moments ago - here is a helpful sheet detailing suggested noise mitigation requirements for local subdivision regulations. As before if you have any other questions - don't hesitate to give me a call

Philip

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Philip

please call the Senator's office after familiarizing yourself with the particulars for this community.

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From: Irene Heline  
To: JHade  
Date: 3/31/98 2:39pm  
Caller: Dawn  
Company: Senator Hollinger's Office  
Phone: 410-841-3131

Thanks

☐ [\*] Telephoned  
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☐ [\*] Please call  
☐ [ ] Returned your call  
☐ [ ] Came to see you

Re: Constituent who is experiencing noise problems from I-83 and lives at 915 Morris Avenue in Timonium

County Council - I-83 Part of area

" 915 Morris Ave. →

Yes/No - Don Gury

FAX 410-841-1143



November 5, 1998

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The Honorable Brenda B. Hughes  
Maryland House of Delegates  
203 Lowe House Office Building  
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Dear Brenda:

The State Highway Administration has received inquiries from a number of communities in Prince George's County regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. Auth Village and Andrews Manor, two communities in your district, have been reviewed to determine if they meet the requirements for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you both the Auth Village and Andrews Manor communities meet the technical requirements for sound barriers. This pertains to those homes which were built prior to the construction of I-495. Those homes that were built more recently do not qualify for consideration. Prince George's County will need to agree to fund 20 percent of the carrier costs before we consider availability of funds for the design and construction of these barriers. Once Prince George's County indicates its willingness to provide the local match, the schedule for both design and construction will be determined when funds are available in the State's capital budget. I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to keep you informed of our progress as we work through the funding process.

Thank you for your interest and support of our sound barrier program. If you need any additional information regarding either of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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**John D. Porcari**  
Deputy Secretary

The Honorable John Adams Hurson  
Maryland House of Delegates  
313 Lowe House Office Building  
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Dear John:

Thank you for your continuing interest in providing a sound barrier for the Forest Glen Park community along I-495 in Montgomery County. I appreciate your patience as we worked to find a viable solution to this unique challenge.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Forest Glen Park area meets the State Highway Administration's (SHA) technical requirements for a sound barrier. At this time funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not been identified. Funding will be considered in our next update of the Consolidation Transportation Program. In addition to State funding, Montgomery County must commit to fund 20 percent of the project cost.

Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design and his staff would like to meet with the Forest Glen Park community on Tuesday, August 25, 1998, at 7 p.m., to discuss the level of performance a barrier will provide throughout the community. These details will be discussed at the scheduled meeting.

Thank you again for your patience in this matter. We look forward to meeting with you and your constituents in August. If before this time you have any questions, feel free to call me or Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Douglas M. Duncan, Montgomery County Executive  
The Honorable Isiah Leggett, President, Montgomery County Council  
Mr. Thomas E. Natan, Jr., President, Forest Glen Park Citizen's Association  
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April 14, 1998

The Honorable John Adams Hurson  
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313 Lowe House Office Building  
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Dear John:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in the 18th District regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Forest Glen and Park View Estates communities do meet the eligibility requirements for sound barriers and I have approved funding for their design and future construction. The SHA will begin design of these barriers soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Maryland Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of these barriers once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for these projects. If you need any additional information regarding either of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

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Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Deputy Secretary

March 24, 1998

The Honorable John Adams Hurson  
Maryland House of Delegates  
313 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Hurson:

This is a follow up to recent letters regarding sound barriers for the community of Forest Glen Park located adjacent to I-495. We have determined that the majority of the affected homes in this community predate the beltway and that noise levels exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold. These determinations satisfy two of the criteria which a community must meet in order to be eligible for a sound barrier under the State's program.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) analyzed the Forest Glen Park area when the most recent expansion of the beltway was being planned and designed. Under the State noise policy in effect at that time, we determined we could not effectively protect a number of the homes, which are significantly elevated above the highway, at a reasonable cost. As a result of revisions to our noise policy, we are revisiting this issue to determine if there may be other sound barrier options that would provide effective noise reduction to the majority of the impacted homes within the Forest Glen Park community. We expect to receive engineering data from our design consultant within the next several weeks. After we have reviewed this information, we will be back in touch with you with the results. You can expect to hear from us by April.

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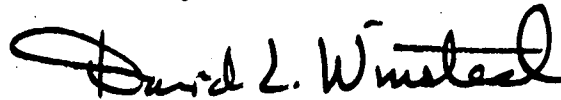
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Thank you for your interest in this issue. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne, Member, Montgomery County Council  
The Honorable Marilyn J. Praisner, Member, Montgomery County Council  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway  
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**Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration**

September 3, 1998

Subject: Contract No. MO7745180  
Replacement of Bridge No. 15131  
on I-495 over Northern Parkway

Mr. William H. Hussman  
Montgomery County Planning Board  
Office of the Chairman  
The Maryland-National Capital  
Park and Planning Commission  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

Thank you for your letter dated August 11, 1998. We appreciate you giving us an opportunity to present our proposed plan for the replacement of the Capital Beltway Bridge over Northern Parkway to the Planning Board on July 30, 1998. In response to your letter, we have the following comments:

1. We will provide an approximately 70' long bridge with vertical face abutments. However, since a 90° skew angle bridge will conflict with the existing substructure during the staged construction, we may have to use a bridge with about a 75° skew angle.
2. We will construct a 10' bikeway under the bridge with two 2' paved shoulders on each side, for total width of 14'. Also, we will provide a stone surface compatible with wildlife usage for non-paved areas under the bridge.
3. We will coordinate with your staff to provide the desired type of lighting under the bridge.
4. We will provide a stone, form liner finish to the wingwalls and rear face of the parapet. We will provide an aesthetic, graffiti resistant treatment of the vertical faces of the abutments.
5. Due to constructibility reasons and the potentially hazardous situation to bicyclists and pedestrians, maintaining a passage through the bridge area during the construction cannot be implemented. Instead, we will coordinate with your staff to provide a nearby temporary passage, during the construction. This was discussed with your Mr. Lawrence Cole. Mr. Cole has sent us a vicinity map of the area and indicated a

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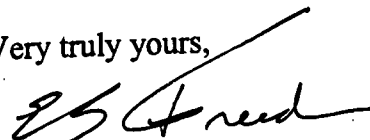
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detour route which could be used during the construction. This detour route will utilize a portion of Forest Glen Road and Sligo Creek Parkway's shoulders.

6. We will maintain passage for wildlife at all times when construction activity is not taking place in the bridge area. We will also provide and maintain fencing at all times to keep wildlife using this passage off the Beltway.
7. We will include the M-NCPPC contract documents of the stormwater management improvements associated with the "Beltway West Enhanced Biofiltration Swale" into our construction contract. However, SHA must be compensated for the cost of the construction of this operation and we will need to develop a memorandum of agreement for this.
8. We will apply for all required permits from M-NCPPC.
9. Our Office of Environmental Design completed their Noise Abatement analysis and determined that a Noise Abatement Wall on the bridge has no merit at this location, since there is no residential area within the surrounding vicinity. However, we believe that by eliminating all the expansion dams and with a shorter bridge, the noise level will be tremendously reduced under the bridge. We also believe that by utilizing prestressed concrete beams, the noise level could be reduced even more. We are enclosing a few pictures of a bridge with prestressed concrete beams. We can design these beams with deeper ends to look like an arch similar to the steel beams at Military Road in Washington D.C. If we do not hear otherwise, we will proceed with the design of this structure, utilizing prestressed concrete beams.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our project manager Ali Chaharbaghi at (410) 545-8322

Very truly yours,



Earle S. Freedman  
Deputy Chief Engineer  
Office of Bridge Development

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Douglas R. Rose  
Mr. Charlie O. Watkins  
Mr. Charles B. Adams

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# Maryland Department of Transportation

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. David S. Iannucci  
Deputy Chief of Staff

FROM: David L. Winstead *ff*  
Secretary

DATE: January 16, 1998

SUBJECT: Sound Barrier Program

This memorandum is a follow up to our December 23 meeting about the sound barrier program. Plans are being made for Governor Glendening to announce funding of new sound barrier projects along the I-495/I-270 interstates of Montgomery County on January 26. In preparation for that event and in conjunction with the finalization of the 1998-2003 Consolidated Transportation Program, we want to verify if all seven of the eligible areas in Montgomery County stated in my December 22 memorandum and attachments will be included in this announcement.

In addition to these seven areas, State Highway (SHA) has completed a re-analysis of the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road which shows that this area now meets the eligibility criteria for a barrier. There are, however, issues about the construction feasibility of a barrier. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the beltway and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the beltway for a portion of the area and there are associated floodplain and cost issues. The Governor may want to indicate that this area now qualifies but that further engineering is required to resolve the feasibility issues. The estimated cost of a barrier for Burning Tree Estates is \$5-6M.

We also need to determine whether any additional sound barrier projects from the list of those that have been determined to meet the State policy requirements that the Governor would like to announce. Enclosed is the list of projects that are eligible. As you may recall from our meeting, there are communities in both Howard and Prince George's Counties that meet all of the eligibility criteria. These total \$9.3M and \$7.9M respectively. One community in particular, Columbia Hills in Howard County, was informed in 1996 that they met the eligibility requirements. If the Governor would like additional information on any of these other eligible communities, we will be glad to prepare some background material.

Construction funding for newly announced sound barrier projects is available beginning in FY 2001. In order to make a positive statement about the projects to be announced, we suggest that the Governor indicate that design will begin in FY 1999 and that the Department will look for opportunities to advance the construction. It is important to note that design for these projects will take approximately one year to complete.

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David Iannucci  
January 16, 1998  
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Lastly, we are working on an appropriate location for the Governor's announcement with SHA and the Governor's press office. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

cc: Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration  
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of  
Transportation  
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of  
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December 22, 1998

Mr. James M. Irvin  
Director  
Howard County Department of Public Works  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear Mr. Irvin:

This letter is to amend my December 10 letter to you regarding the State Highway Administration's review of communities in Howard County to determine their eligibility for sound barriers.

The Columbia Hills, High Ridge, Hunt Club Estates, Guilford Downs communities have been determined to meet the technical requirements for a sound barrier. Funding for design and construction of the Columbia Hills area has been approved and the design is approximately thirty percent complete. The construction funding will be available in our Fiscal Year 2002, which begins July 1, 2001.

One requirement of our Type II, or retrofit, Sound Barrier Program is that the local jurisdiction agree to provide 20 percent of the barrier costs before funds for construction are considered. We are providing the following information so Howard County can address its share of the costs.

Community	Cost	County Share
Columbia Hills	\$1.3M	\$260,000
High Ridge	\$2.3M	\$460,000
Hunt Club Estates	\$2.4M	\$480,000
Guilford Downs	\$2.7M	\$540,000
The Orchards/Skyview/Brinkleigh	\$3.3M	\$660,000
	\$12 M	\$2.4 M

Based upon our current funding picture, funding for those areas other than Columbia Hills would not be needed from the County before FY 2003. We appreciate Howard County's past support of sound barriers and its recognition of the enhanced quality of life they provide, and we look forward to working with you to bring these projects to reality.

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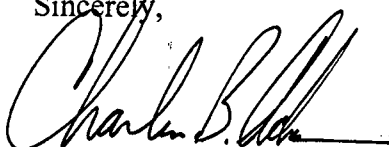
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Mr. James Irvin  
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In addition to the aforementioned communities, we are presently reviewing the Talbott Springs, Allview Estates, Clemens Crossing(Altholton Manor), Albeth Estates and St. Johns Manor communities to determine if they meet our Type II program requirements. Once the studies are completed, the results will be forwarded to your office. I anticipate our analyses will be completed for these communities by March.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding any of these communities, please contact me at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: Ms. Elizabeth Calia, Chief, Division of Transportation Projects and Watershed  
Management, Howard County Department of Public Works  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Director of Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering,  
State Highway Administration  
Mr. Doug Rose, Chief Engineer, State Highway Administration

Mr. James Irvin  
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bcc:

Ms. Leslie A. Frelow, Assistant Director of Administrative Services, Maryland  
Department of Transportation  
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration  
Mr. John M. Lewis, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of  
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Mr. Ted Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation

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Administrator

December 10, 1998

Mr. James M. Irvin  
Director  
Howard County Department of Public Works  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear Mr. Irvin:

The State Highway Administration has reviewed a number of communities in Howard County to determine their eligibility for sound barriers. The purpose of this letter is to convey to you which communities meet the State technical requirements for sound barriers.

The Columbia Hills, High Ridge, Hunt Club Estates, Guilford Downs, Talbott Springs, Allview Estates and Clemens Crossing communities have been determined to meet the technical requirements for a sound barrier. Funding for design and construction of the Columbia Hills area has been approved and the design is approximately thirty percent complete. The construction funding will be available in our Fiscal Year 2002, which begins July 1, 2001.

One requirement of our Type II, or retrofit, Sound Barrier Program is that the local jurisdiction has to agree provide 20 percent of the barrier costs before funds for construction are considered. We are providing the following information so Howard County can address its share of the costs.

<u>Community</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>County Share</u>
Columbia Hills	\$1,300,000	\$260,000
High Ridge	\$2,300,000	\$460,000.
Hunt Club Estates	\$2,400,000	\$480,000
Guilford Downs	\$2,700,000	\$540,000
Talbott Springs	\$3,400,000	\$680,400
Allview Estates	\$ 800,000	\$160,000
Clemens Crossing	<u>\$1,200,000</u>	<u>\$240,000</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$14,100,000</b>	<b>\$2,820,000</b>

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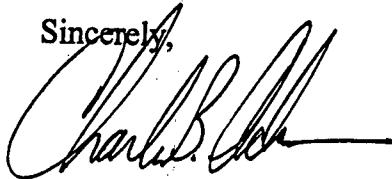
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Based upon our current funding picture, funding for those areas other than Columbia Hills would not be needed from the County before FY 2003. We appreciate Howard County's past support of sound barriers and its recognition of the enhanced quality of life they provide, and we look forward to working with you to bring these projects to reality.

If you need any additional information regarding any of these communities, please contact me at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams  
Director  
Office of Environmental Design

cc: Ms. Elizabeth Calia, Chief, Division of Transportation Projects and Watershed  
Management, Howard County Department of Public Works  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, State Highway Administration



**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
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November 18, 1998

Mr. James M. Irvin  
Director, Howard County Department Of Public Works  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear Mr. Irvin:

This is a follow up to my July 15 letter to you regarding sound barriers in the vicinity of Manordale, View Top and High Point Roads, which are the communities of Highview Estates and St. John's Manor along US 29. I would like to update you on the status of this information.

We are awaiting the opening of the nearby section of MD 100 before we finalize our analysis of these areas to see if there may be any significant changes in traffic noise that may affect the decision on eligibility for sound barrier. We expect to complete our work in early January and you may expect to hear from us before the middle of February.

Thank you for your patience while we continue to conduct our investigation. If you should have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. James Hade of my staff who may be reached at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable Charles I. Ecker, Howard County Executive  
The Honorable Robert L. Flanagan, Member, Maryland House Of Delegates  
The Honorable Robert H. Kittleman, Member, Maryland House Of Delegates  
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bcc: Mr. Paul D. Armstrong, District Engineer, State Highway Administration  
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Ms. Leslie A. Frelow, Assistant Director, Office of Administrative Services, Maryland  
Department of Transportation  
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of  
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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

October Interim / Follow up  
Response prepared 11/17/98 by Philip Troll SHA/OED/NAT  
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**Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration**

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Mr. James M. Irvin  
Director, Howard County Department of Public Works  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear Mr. Irvin:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning a request for sound barriers along US 29 in the vicinity of Manordale, View Top and High Point Roads. These are the communities of Highview Estates and St. John's Manor. I appreciate your interest on behalf of the residents in these locations.

Recent construction in this area has prompted us to revisit both the Highview Estates and St. John's Manor communities regarding sound barrier eligibility. The required information must be secured from several sources and my staff is currently working on this. I look forward to being able to answer to your request within the next several weeks.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams  
Director  
Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable Charles I. Ecker, Howard County Executive  
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Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District 7 Engineer, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Leslie A. Frelow, Assistant Director, Office of Administrative Services, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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**Noise Customer #:** 1662 (see also 1303)

**Responding to letter dated:** June 29, 1998 (and enclosures: 6/26/98 from Charles I. Ecker, and 6/22/98 from Beth Sandbower Harbinson)

**Drafted by:** Philip Troll, July 15, 1998

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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*James M. Irvin, Director*

June 29, 1998

Mr. Charles Adams  
Maryland State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street  
Mail Stop C303  
Baltimore, MD 21202

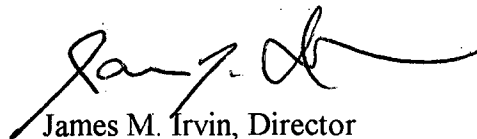
SUBJECT: Sound Barriers Along Route 29

*Charles*  
Dear Mr. Adams:

Reference is made to the attached correspondence concerning a request for sound barriers along Route 29 in the vicinity of Manordale, View Top and High Point roads. Since this is under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Administration, I am requesting that your office review this matter and advise me of the results of your review.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at 410-313-4401.

Very truly yours,

  
James M. Irvin, Director  
Department of Public Works

### Attachments

cc: Charles I. Ecker  
Beth Sandbower Harbinson



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June 26, 1998

Ms. Beth Sandbower Harbinson  
9055 Meadowvale Court  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Beth:

Thank you for your letter of June 22, 1998. I certainly enjoyed our lunch and the opportunity to meet you and your husband, and Ms. Cahill and to see Dr. Gosh again. I appreciate your support of the Lung Association fundraiser.

By copy of this letter, I am asking James Irvin, Director of Public Works, to contact the State for review of your request for sound barriers along Rt. 29, Manordale, View Top and High Point roads.

Someone will be in touch with you as soon as the State completes its investigation.

Sincerely,

Charles I. Ecker  
County Executive

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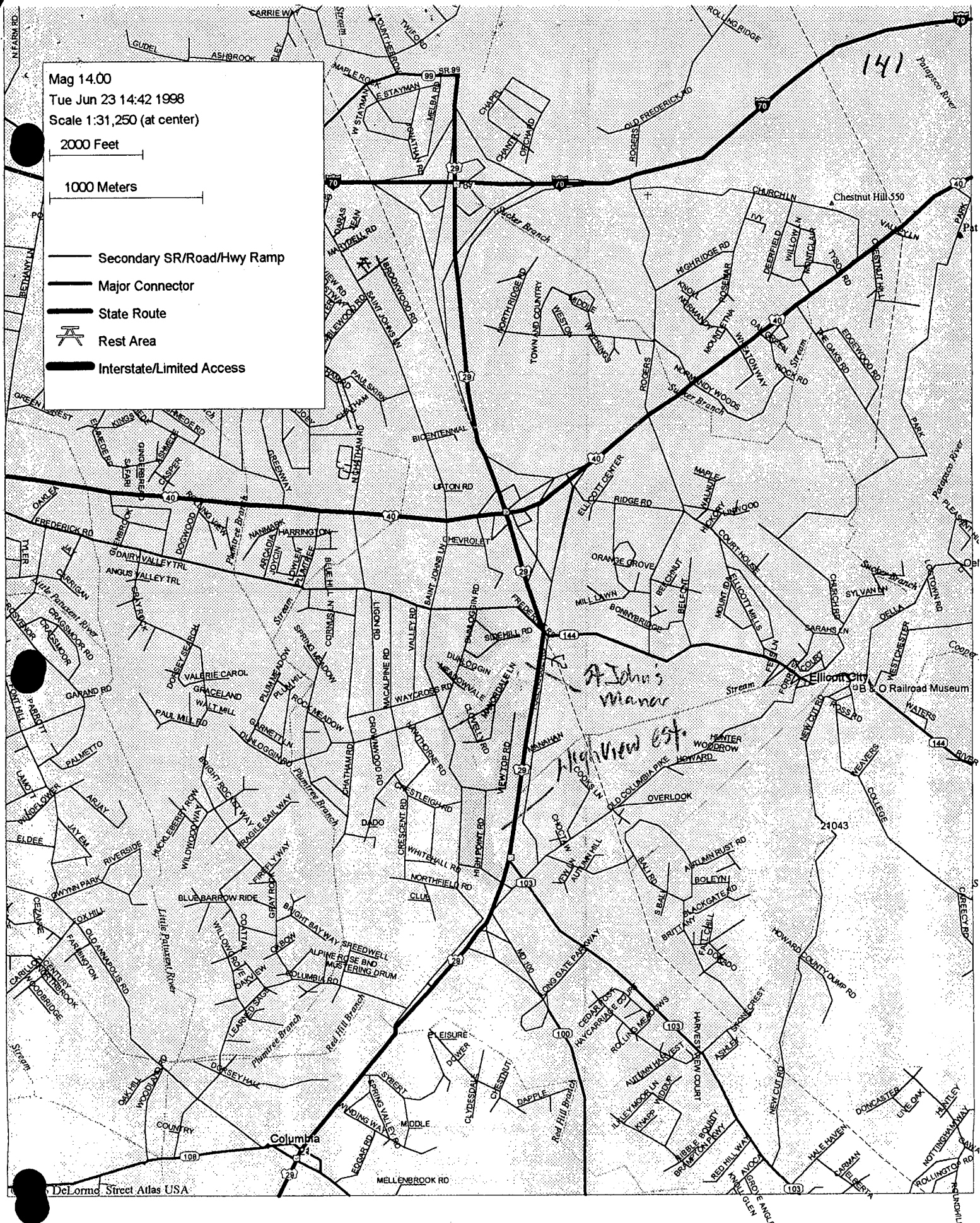
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June 22, 1998

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Charles I. Ecker  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Chuck:

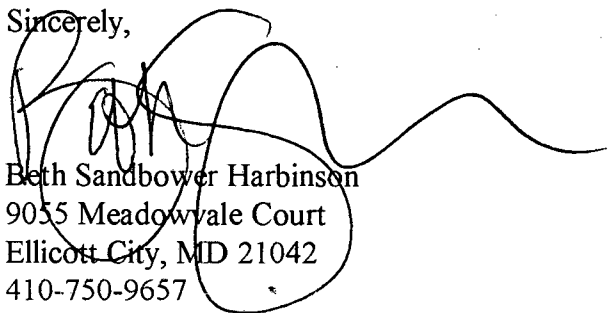
Scott and I thoroughly enjoyed lunch with you last week. I applaud your efforts on behalf of the American Lung Association. It was also a wonderful opportunity for me to learn more about the School Board. As a first initiative, I am going to support the two candidates I think best for the next election!

As a follow-up to our conversation regarding the noise level from Route 29 in our immediate neighborhood, our area is flanked by the following streets: Manordale, View Top and High Point Roads.

These houses were mostly built in the early 1970's prior to Route 29's expansion. I am lobbying for the erection of noise reduction walls along this corridor of the road.

Please let me know what I need to do to follow up on this request. Our beautiful neighborhood would greatly benefit by having some quiet relief from the horrendous traffic noise.

Sincerely,



Beth Sandbower Harbinson  
9055 Meadowdale Court  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
410-750-9657

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410-750-9657					St. Johns Manor				
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Property view indicates new homes have been built since our last cost calculation. Time is needed to verify the location of these homes for the Date criteria analysis, and cost analysis. A 57 dBA contour would likely bring the community into the Date criterion.									



**Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration**

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Parris N. Glendening  
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February 10, 1998

Mr. James Irvin  
Director  
Howard County Department of Public Works  
George Howard Building  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City MD 21043

*Jim*  
Dear Mr. Irvin:

Enclosed are copies of two reports completed for the State Highway Administration (SHA) by the Wilson T. Ballard consulting firm regarding traffic noise at the River Hill community adjacent to MD 32. You requested this information to aid in a reanalysis of traffic noise impacts for River Hill.

Specifically, the reports include noise level measurement data and classified traffic counts conducted simultaneously with the noise testing. This data should serve well in the model calibration effort as part of the study. The September 1996 report specifically contains calibration data and computations. Site diagrams are also included.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Ken Polcak of my staff if you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the material. Ken may be reached at (410) 545-8601.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams  
Director  
Office of Environmental Design

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Hade  
Mr. Ken Polcak

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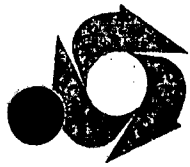
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**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
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Lawyers Hill

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Deputy Secretary

November 27, 1998

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
Senate of Maryland  
1330 Sulphur Spring Road  
Arbutus MD 21227-2794

The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr.  
Maryland House of Delegates  
1407B Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore MD 21227-2703

The Honorable Donald E. Murphy  
Maryland House of Delegates  
36 Holmehurst Avenue  
Baltimore MD 21228-4630

Dear Senator Kasemeyer and Delegates Malone and Murphy:

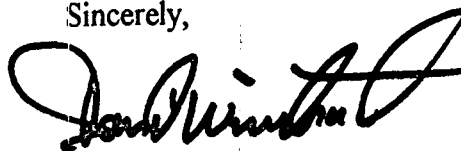
The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in Howard County regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. The Lawyers Hill community, in your district adjacent to I-95, has been reviewed to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier.

In order to be eligible for a sound barrier, a community must predate the original highway and experience noise levels of 66 decibels (dBA) or above. In addition, we must be able to build an effective barrier at a cost of \$50,000 or less per protected residence. The Lawyers Hill community meets the date criterion and impact threshold of 66 dBA, but does not meet the cost-per-residence criterion. Before reaching this conclusion, we analyzed a number of sound barrier options and found that all would exceed the \$50,000 limit. As a result, the area does not qualify for a State-funded sound barrier. A copy of our "Sound Barrier Policy" brochure is enclosed, which explains the criteria needed to qualify for a barrier.

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr.  
The Honorable Donald E. Murphy  
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Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigations. If you need any additional information regarding this community, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, State Highway  
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November 6, 1998

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
Senate of Maryland  
1330 Sulphur Spring Road  
Arbutus MD 21227-2794

Dear Ed:

The State Highway Administration has received inquiries from a number of communities in Howard County regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. The Hunt Club Estates community in your district has been reviewed to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Hunt Club community meets the technical eligibility requirements for a sound barrier. We have written to Howard County Executive Charles Ecker informing him of Hunt Club Estates' eligibility. Before State funding is considered, Howard County will have to agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier costs. I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to keep you informed of our progress as we work through the funding process.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigations. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

RECEIVED FROM: Hunt Club / Partial Good News

SUBJECT: Howard County - heg. Dist. 12A

REMARKS/COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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# MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Robert L. Fisher  
District Engineer - District 7

FROM: Charles B. Adams, Director  
Office of Environmental Design

DATE: October 9, 1998

SUBJECT: Information to aid response to Senator Kasemeyer

I am writing to provide you with information regarding an inquiry from Senator Kasemeyer from Mr. Paul Havrilko related to sound barriers. I will address the Senator's points in order.

The sound barrier material utilizing recycled tire rubber and proposed as part of the project along I-95 in Arbutus is an absorptive system, comprised of chunk tire rubber mixed in with cement and sand. From a cost standpoint, it's use does not in itself present substantial saving, but rather the opportunity to utilize recyclable materials. The system is quite durable and aesthetically compatible with SHA's overall approach. It has been used on a short section of sound barrier in Montgomery County along the outer loop of I-495 west of Fernwood Road, and would be considered as a acceptable alternate where an absorptive sound barrier is required. The use of an absorptive barrier over the typical reflective concrete systems is most common in certain situations where parallel barriers will be placed on opposite sides of the same highway section, or as is the case in Arbutus, if a single barrier is proposed opposite an unprotected community. The amount of potential reflected noise is relatively small, but public perception is such that preemptive action is the best course.

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Bob,

Charlie is in vacation  
but I wanted to get you  
this today; please give  
me a call if you  
need more info or  
have any questions.  
Thanks  
Ken

Post-it® Fax Note 7671		Date 10/9/95	# of pages 2
To Bobby Fritzer	From Ken Polrak		
Co./Dept. D-7	Co. SHA-OED		
Phone #	Phone # 410 545-8601		
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MEMORANDUM

(301) 624-  
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Regent 10/15

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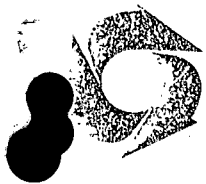
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Regarding evaluations of sound barriers for the Elkridge / Lawyers Hill area, studies have just been completed. These studies were undertaken to assess the area's qualification for a sound barrier under the recently approved Policy. Though noise levels are above the impact threshold, our recent studies have found that the cost of a sound barrier for the area along Lawyers Hill Road, between Montgomery road and the I-895 cut-off would be above our \$50,000 per-residence limit. The main problem in the area is that there are substantial portions of undeveloped land and some homes on larger lots. The overall lower density of development makes a sound barrier too costly.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Ken Polcak of my staff at (410) 545-8601 if you need clarification, or more informatio.

cc: Mr. Jim Hade

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**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
The Secretary's Office

August 12, 1998

**Parris N. Glendon**  
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Secretary

**John D. Porcari**  
Deputy Secretary

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
Senate of Maryland  
1330 Sulphur Spring Road  
Arbutus MD 21227-2794

Dear Senator Kasemeyer:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding sound barriers along I-95 in the Elkridge area. I share your concern for your constituents and would like to update you on the status of our review of the area for a sound barrier.

Mr. Edward J. Huber, Jr. was previously contacted to address his concerns about eligibility for sound barriers of the Hunt Club/Lawyers Hill communities in Elkridge. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is analyzing these areas to determine if our criterion for barrier cost can be met. In the Lawyers Hill area, the question is based upon the density of the homes, and to date SHA has not identified any barrier option that would meet the cost per residence criterion. In the Hunt Club area, the issue centers on the number of homes that were built before the highway. This community is a mixture of older and newer homes, and SHA staff is attempting to identify an option that can protect the older homes and meet the cost criterion. They are finishing these evaluations, and they expect to have the analysis completed by the end of September. Once a determination has been made, they will contact you and Mr. Huber with the results. A copy of the State's "Sound Barrier Policy" brochure, which discusses the criteria for a community to qualify for barriers is enclosed for your review.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, the SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Elizabeth Bobo, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr., Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Donald E. Murphy, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. Edward J. Huber, Jr.  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
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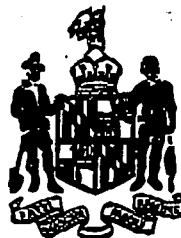
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# SENATE OF MARYLAND

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

July 27, 1998

*Parker*

Please Prepare Response For Secretary  
Signature

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Secretary David L. Winstead  
Department of Transportation  
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Dear Secretary Winstead:

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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION

I am following up on a July 13, 1998 letter you received from Edward J. Huber, Jr. of Elkridge, Maryland regarding sound barriers along I-95 in the Elkridge area.

As you are aware, residents of Elkridge, an older community in the northeastern tip of Howard County, have been requesting relief from the noise emanating from the traffic on I-95 for quite a few years. Recent years have brought increased traffic along this highway. Coupled with the increased speed limit of 65 mph, the noise impact grows greater in this area.

Could you please bring me up to date on the present status of the environmental effect of noise levels in the Elkridge area and that community's standing in the list awaiting relief by the construction of sound barriers along I-95.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Ed*

Edward J. Kasemeyer  
State Senator

EJK:acs

cc: Edward J. Huber, Jr.

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May 7, 1998

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
Senate of Maryland  
1330 Sulphur Spring Road  
Arbutus MD 21227-2794

Dear Ed:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Columbia Hills Community meets the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier, and I have approved funding for its design and construction. The State Highway Administration (SHA) has begun design of this barrier. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000.

Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our review. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for this project. If you need any additional information on this project, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000 or 1-888-713-1414.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration  
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of  
Transportation

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The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
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**Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration**

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Parris N. Glendening  
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Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

July 21, 1998

The Honorable James M. Kelly  
Maryland House of Delegates  
607 Fairway Drive  
Towson MD 21286-7842

Dear Delegate Kelly:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Mark Brandau, the President of the Chapel Ridge Community Association, regarding reconsideration of a sound barrier for the Chapel Ridge/Mays Chapel community in the vicinity of I-83. I appreciate your interest in this issue, and I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the eligibility of this area for a sound barrier.

One of the basic criteria for a community to be considered for a sound barrier is the date of its development compared to the date the adjacent highway was constructed. If the community was built prior to the highway, it will be analyzed to determine whether a sound barrier is warranted based upon the technical criteria in our sound barrier policy. According to our records, both the Chapel Ridge and Mays Chapel communities were developed after I-83 was built, and neither is eligible for our program. Mr. Brandau wrote to Governor Glendening expressing his interest in extending the present sound barrier from Timonium Road to Padonia Road. A letter from Secretary Winstead explaining the policy and the ineligibility of these two communities is enclosed.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in this issue. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable F. Vernon Boozer, Member, Senate of Maryland  
Mr. Mark Brandau, President, Chapel Ridge Community Association  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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**Noise Customer #:** << Re: #9184 >>

**Responding to letter dated:** July 9, 1998

**Drafted by:** Philip Troll -- OED/LAD/NAT -- July 20, 1998

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**JAMES M. KELLY**  
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July 9, 1998

Mr. Parker F. Williams  
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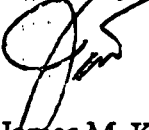
Dear Mr. Williams:

I write to you on behalf of my Baltimore County constituents of the Chapel Ridge Community, a large, well-established townhouse neighborhood in the Mays Chapel area of Timonium, Maryland.

The Chapel Ridge Community Association recently contacted me to express their desire to have sound barriers extended along I-83 from Timonium Road to Padonia Road. A copy of the correspondence is enclosed. Mark Brandau, the community association president, has thoroughly studied this issue and presents a very solid and valid perspective. As we all can agree, Timonium and areas north toward Pennsylvania have witnessed dramatic growth in the recent past which has led to an increase in vehicular traffic along the interstate.

I respectfully request that you seriously review the attached letter and adopt the recommendations proffered by the Chapel Ridge Community Association. I find the recommendation reasonable and prudent, and one which adequately addresses their growing noise pollution problem. Thank you for consideration in this matter and I look forward to your favorable response.

Very truly yours,

  
James M. Kelly  
Delegate

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enclosure  
cc: Mark Brandau, President, Chapel Ridge Community Association

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MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE (PHONE 410-545-0400 FAX 410-209-5009)

## REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PREPARED CORRESPONDENCE TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

CONTROL # 98Jul12

LOG DATE: 07/13/1998

SENDER: KELLY, JAMES M.

SUBJECT: SOUND BARRIERS EXTENDED ALONG I-83 FROM TIMONIUM RD TO PADONIA RD

- ☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE  
☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE  
☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE  
☐ REPLY DIRECTLY, CC: ADMINISTRATOR  
☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR ADMINISTRATOR FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE  
☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

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DUE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSIGNED TO: ADAMS

TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 07/20/1998

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name / Telephone / Date)

TYPED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

PROOFREAD BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SENIOR MANAGER'S APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THERE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE SENDER? [ ] YES [ ] NO

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CHAPEL RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**P.O. Box 4792**  
**Timonium, Maryland 21094-4792**

June 30, 1998

Delegate James M. Kelly  
607 Fairway Drive  
Towson, Maryland 21286

Dear Delegate Kelly:

I am the President of Chapel Ridge Community Association, a large townhouse community in Mays Chapel. Our community borders I-83, north of Timonium Road. The residents of this community, and the other communities of Mays Chapel, are suffering due to the ever increasing environmental pollution from I-83. I am writing to ask you to help us obtain relief by extending the existing sound barrier from Timonium Road to Padonia Road.

The problems that we are experiencing were first brought to the attention of state representatives in 1985. No relief was forthcoming at that time. In 1995, we again notified state officials of the problems I-83 has created. Some of those problems include the following: Residents cannot sit outside and enjoy their property without being overwhelmed by the noise. Residents cannot leave their windows open at night because the noise keeps them awake. Residents cannot carry on a conversation with neighbors without having to shout at one another. The traffic causes windows to rattle. Residents are awakened at very early morning hours by truck traffic. This noise continues, largely unabated, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In early 1997, the State Highway Administration conducted ambient noise measurements in our neighborhood. Readings were taken over a two day period at six locations. Five of those six locations had measurements which "exceeded" (67 dBA) or "approached" (66 dBA) Noise Abatement Criteria. At two of those locations, noise levels were as high as 73 and 74 dBA.

June 30, 1998  
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Our community is also concerned about the effects of car exhaust on our air quality. There are many families with young children in our neighborhood. They choose to live in Mays Chapel because it provides a good quality of life, i.e. good schools, churches, recreational facilities, open spaces and trees. But, our quality of life is suffering as a result of increased noise and air pollution issues confronting the community.

The sources of these problems are varied. Truck and car traffic has increased significantly since 1977, when this neighborhood was built. This increase has been partially fueled by residential and commercial development in Timonium and Hunt Valley, as well as the growing number of commuters from Pennsylvania. From 1990 to 1995, traffic volume increased by almost 20% to an average daily traffic count of 148,000 vehicles. The recent opening of an entrance/exit ramp at Warren Road has increased this daily count even more. The flow of traffic between Padonia Road and I-83 is so large that a traffic light had to be installed this spring at the Padonia Road exit on southbound I-83. The State anticipates another 30% increase in the daily traffic by the year 2020.

In addition, some changes have been made to the roadway, including widening the shoulders and changes to the entrance and exit ramps at Padonia Road, as well as the development of a large Park & Ride lot off of I-83 near Padonia Road, for commuters from Pennsylvania, northern Baltimore County, Harford and Carroll counties to park and access Mass Transit buses and Light Rail trains into Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County and BWI Airport. Tandem trucks are now allowed on this highway and speed limits have been raised to 65 mph. Trees and shrubs which were planted in the median have been removed. As recently as last fall, trees along the west side of the highway were cut down, leaving the fencing and our homes exposed. Although I-83 has been audible in our community for a long time, it was never visible until this work was done.

Despite our demonstrated need for relief, it has always been denied because our community was built in 1977, after the completion of I-83 in 1974. This policy simply fails to take into account the changes in the usage of this roadway over the last 20 years. As taxpayers, we are disheartened by the unresponsiveness of our elected officials to our plight, while we see sound barriers being erected in neighborhoods all around us.

Will you agree to help us? I look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,



Mark Brandau  
President, Chapel Ridge  
Community Association

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April 14, 1998

The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp  
Maryland House of Delegates  
221 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Nancy:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in the 16th District regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Barnet Road, Bradley Manor, Longwood and Wildwood Manor communities do meet the eligibility requirements for sound barriers and I have approved funding for their design and future construction. The SHA will begin design of these barriers soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of these barriers once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for these projects. If you need any additional information regarding any of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

*Parris*

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

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cc: The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of  
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Highway Administration  
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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# Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

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Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

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Deputy Secretary

April 8, 1998

The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp  
Maryland House of Delegates  
221 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate <sup>Nancy</sup>Kopp:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in the 16th District regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

The communities of Al Marah/Carderock, Carderock Springs, Cloisters Home Owners Association, Heritage Walk, Pooks Hill and Timberlawn/Tuckerman Walk were each a part of this effort. In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure State-funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the original highway. Unfortunately, these communities do not meet this criterion and consequently do not qualify for barriers.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. If you need any additional information regarding any of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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**John D. Porcari**  
Deputy Secretary

March 10, 1998

The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne  
Member, Montgomery County Council  
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville MD 20850

*Beth Ann*  
Dear Councilmember Krahne:

Thank you for your letters to the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, Mr. Charles B. Adams, regarding the Governor's announcement of sound barriers to protect seven communities along I-270 and I-495 in Montgomery County. You have maintained a strong interest in the issue of sound barriers, particularly in the triangle area of the I-270 spurs and I-495, and I appreciate this opportunity to update you on our efforts.

The Governor recently announced he approved funding for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates and Park View Estates communities. He noted that funding for the construction of new barrier projects in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning Fiscal Year 2001, since funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made. As the Governor also said, we will begin the design of these barriers soon, and we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for their construction once the designs are completed. We will keep you and the communities informed and involved as the design proceeds.

The area along Park Hill Drive just west of Cedar Lane is what we refer to as the Locust Hill Estates community. This area is protected by an existing combination of sound walls and an earthen berm. We are currently investigating the condition of the earthen berm to determine if there is a need to repair any eroded areas to ensure the continued stability of the berm.

My telephone number is (410)-865-1000

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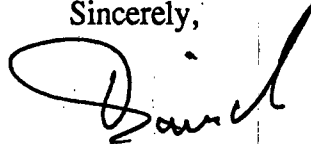
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While our revised sound barrier policy has resulted in the approval of a number of new sound barriers, there are still communities that do not meet the requirements for these barriers for one or more reasons. One of the basic considerations in determining eligibility for a sound barrier is the date the homes were built in relationship to the highway. This criterion is an issue with respect to the other two areas you inquired about. According to our records, the majority of the impacted homes in the Carderock Springs area and the community on the north side of I-270 across from Wildwood Manor, referred to as Timberlawn, were built after I-495/I-270. Based on this information, these two communities are ineligible for a sound barrier. I regret we cannot provide you with a positive response to this portion of your inquiry.

Thank you again for your letters and your continued interest in the State's sound barrier program. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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Drafted by: Mr. Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- February 18, 1998

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DATE RECEIVED:

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> '98

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

RECEIVED FROM:

Mont Ctys Councilmember Betty Krahulke

SUBJECT:

Info for Park View Estates / Park Hill Drive

REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Add in with Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> memo (3/18)

MUST BE COMPLETED BY ASSIGNED OFFICE

Prepared by:

Philip Droll

Revised by:

Typed by:

Philip Droll

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Approved by:

date phone

Senior Manager's Approval:

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Hey Claire,  
Here is the revised Betty Krahulke letter  
to include the paragraphs concerning her  
Feb 13<sup>th</sup> letter (the info she forgot to include)  
This combines them both into one response.

Philip



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

February 13, 1998

BETTY ANN KRAHNKE

Charles Adams  
Director of Environmental Design  
State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street  
C-303  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

Recently, while reviewing some of the information I have gathered earlier on noise walls, I was reminded of two other neighborhoods which I failed to mention in my last letter and for which I would also appreciate an update. These areas are both near existing noise walls, but they are not yet protected. The two areas are:

- Park View Estates, between the existing noise wall to the west and Rock Creek.
- Park Hill Drive, between the existing noise wall to the west and Cedar Lane.

Could you add these to the areas whose status I inquired about in my previous letters? I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

*Betty Ann Krahnke*

Betty Ann Krahnke  
Councilmember

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

February 5, 1998

BETTY ANN KRAHNKE

Charles Adams  
Director of Environmental Design  
State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street  
C-303  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

It was great to see you last week at the Governor's press announcement on Newbold Drive in Bethesda. The news on the State's progress with noise walls was exciting to hear.

I understand there were other areas being studied in addition to the neighborhoods which were announced last week. There are several areas which I have inquired about previously, but to which I have not received a response. Three areas I am specifically concerned about are Burning Tree Estates (on the west side of I-495 and across from Burning tree Country Club), Carderock Springs from the existing wall to Persimmon Tree Road (near Stone Trail Drive and Carderock Springs Elementary) and on the north side of I-270 across the interstate from the new wall to be built for the Wildwood Manor area.

I would appreciate an update on these areas. For those areas that do not qualify could you clarify if it is because of funding issues, because they don't meet the criteria, if they are still under study, etc.? If there are areas which are still under study, could I have an update on the progress of the studies and estimated time of completion? This information would help me understand where things stand and would aid my staff in answering questions of people who might otherwise be contacting your offices.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work together on this important quality of life issue.

Sincerely,

Betty Ann Krahne  
Councilmember

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Please prepare a  
reply for Parker's  
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Charlie

The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne  
Member  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Councilmember Krahne:

Thank you for your recent letter to the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, Charles B. Adams, regarding the Governor's recent announcement of sound barriers to protect seven communities along I-270 and I-495 in Montgomery County. You have maintained a strong interest in the issue of sound barriers, particularly in the triangle area of the I-270 spurs and I-495, and I appreciate this opportunity to update you on our efforts in this area.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Governor has approved funding for a sound barrier for Park View Estates, which will enhance the quality of life enjoyed by residents. State Highway Administration staff will begin to design the barrier soon and we will keep the community informed and involved as the design proceeds.

Burning Tree Estates (the community on the West side of I-495, across from the Burning Tree Country Club) does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. At this time, funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not been identified. We are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will contact you as we work through this need. There are, however, two issues about the construction feasibility of a barrier. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the beltway and it is questionable whether they can be protected. Thomas Branch runs parallel to the beltway along another portion of the area and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues.

The area along Park Hill Drive, just west of Cedar Lane is what we would refer to as the Locust Hill Estates community. This area is protected by an existing combination of sound walls and an earthen berm. We are currently investigating the condition of the earthen berm to determine if there is a need to repair any eroded areas to assure the continued stability of the berm.

While our revised sound barrier policy has resulted in the approval of a number of new sound barriers, there are communities that do not meet the requirements for sound barriers for one or more reasons. One of the basic considerations in determining eligibility for a sound barrier is the date the homes were built in relationship to the highway. This affects the other two areas that you inquired about. According to our records, the majority of the impacted homes in the Carderock Springs area and the community on the north side of I-270 across from Wildwood Manor, referred to as Timberlawn, were built after I-495/I-270. Based on this information, these two communities are not eligible for a sound barrier. While we certainly understand your concerns on behalf of your constituents, the date criteria is a basic requirement of our noise policy. I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response to this portion of your inquiry.

Thank you again for your letter and your continued interest in the State's sound barrier program. We will contact you again when the funding and engineering issues involved with the barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area are resolved. If you need any additional information regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne  
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OEDNAT: #KRAHNKE

Drafted by: Mr. Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- February 18, 1998

The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne  
Member  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Councilwoman Krahne:

Thank you for your recent letter to the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, Charles B. Adams, regarding the Governor's recent announcement of sound barriers to protect seven communities along I-270 and I-495 in Montgomery County. You have maintained a strong interest in the issue of sound barriers, particularly in the noise triangle area of the I-270 spurs and I-495, and I appreciate this opportunity to update you on our efforts in this area.

Our intent when we undertook the review was to increase the flexibility of the approach to the review and evaluation of requests for sound barriers. It is my pleasure to inform you the Park View Estates area has had funding approved for a much needed sound barrier. State Highway Administration staff will begin to design the barrier soon and we will keep the community informed and involved as the design proceeds.

Burning Tree Estates (on the West side of I-495, across from the Burning Tree Country Club) does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. At this time, funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not been identified. We are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will contact you as we work through this need.

Additionally, there are a couple of issues about the construction feasibility of a barrier. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the beltway and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the beltway along another portion of the area and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues.

The area along Park Hill Drive, just west of Cedar Lane is what we would refer to as the Locust Hill Estates community. The existing walls and earthen berm constitute the sound barrier for this community. We are currently investigating the condition of the earthen berm and surrounding area. We will make repairs and adjustments as necessary to assure the continued stability of the barrier.

The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne  
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One of the basic considerations in determining eligibility for a sound barrier is the date the homes were built in relationship to the highway. According to our records, the majority of the impacted homes in the remaining two communities you made reference to -- Carderock Springs and the community North side of I-270 across from Wildwood Manor referred to as Timberlawn, were built after I-495/I-270. Based upon this information, the Carderock Springs and Timberlawn communities do not meet the criteria and are not eligible for a sound barrier. While I certainly understand your concerns on behalf of your constituents, the date criteria is a basic requirement of our noise policy. I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response to this portion of your inquiry.

Thank you again for your letter and your continued interest in the State's sound barrier program. My staff will provide both you and Montgomery County Council President Marilyn Praisner (?) with the results of our efforts to work through the funding and engineering issues involved with the barrier for the Burning Tree Estates community as those determinations are made. If you need any additional information regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: (?)The Honorable Marilyn J. Praisner, President, Montgomery County Council  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
Administration

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The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne  
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Our intent when we undertook the review was to increase the flexibility of the approach to the review and evaluation of requests for sound barriers. It is my pleasure to inform you the first community you inquired about, Burning Tree Estates (on the West side of I-495, across from the Burning Tree Country Club) does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. At this time, funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not been identified. We are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will contact you as we work through this need.

Additionally, there are a couple of issues about the construction feasibility of a barrier. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the beltway and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the beltway along another portion of the area and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues.

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Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

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Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne  
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April 14, 1998

The Honorable Richard La Vay  
Maryland House of Delegates  
405 Lowe House Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Richard:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in the 15th District regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Wildwood Hills community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier and I have approved funding for its design and future construction. The SHA will begin design of this barrier soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for this project. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

*Parris*

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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April 6, 1998

The Honorable Richard LaVay  
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Dear Richard:

Thank you for your active support for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates community. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Burning Tree Estates community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier, and I have approved funding for its design and construction. The State Highway Administration will begin design of this barrier soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration  
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of  
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Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation  
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Deputy Secretary

February 9, 1998

The Honorable Richard La Vay  
Maryland House of Delegates  
405 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
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Dear Delegate *Richard* La Vay:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
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Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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April 14, 1998

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The Honorable Isiah Leggett  
President  
Montgomery County Council  
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Isiah:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in Montgomery County regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Barnet Road, Bradley Manor, Burning Tree Estates, Forest Glen, Longwood, Park View Estates, Wildwood Hills and Wildwood Manor communities do meet the eligibility requirements for sound barriers and I have approved funding for their design and future construction. The SHA will begin design of these barriers soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of these barriers once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of their progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for these projects. If you need any additional information regarding any of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

*Parris*

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

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**Parris N. Glendening**  
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**David L. Winstead**  
Secretary

**John D. Porcari**  
Deputy Secretary

April 8, 1998

The Honorable Isiah Leggett  
President  
Montgomery County Council  
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Isiah:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in the 16th District regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

The communities of Al Marah/Carderock, Carderock Springs, Cloisters Home Owners Association, Heritage Walk, Pooks Hill and Timberlawn/Tuckerman Walk were each a part of this effort. In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure State-funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the original highway. Unfortunately, these communities do not meet this criterion and consequently do not qualify for barriers.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. If you need any additional information regarding any of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
Administration  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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**Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration**

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Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

David L. Winstead  
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Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

November 30, 1998

The Honorable John R. Leopold  
Maryland House of Delegates  
8626 Houlton Harbor  
Pasadena MD 21122-2570

Dear Delegate Leopold:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding sound barriers for the communities of Glen Gardens, between MD 10 and MD 270 at MD 648; Willo Brook, adjacent to eastbound MD 100, just east of Catherine Avenue; Brookfield, adjacent to westbound MD 100, just east of Catherine Avenue; and the Cedar Hills/Cedar Morris Hills area at the intersection of I-695 and MD 10, which we refer to as Brooklyn Terrace. I appreciate this opportunity to explain how the State's Sound Barrier Program applies to these communities.

These communities are being evaluated to determine if they meet the technical requirements for sound barriers. This evaluation will determine whether the majority of the affected homes predate the highway and whether existing noise levels equal or exceed 66 decibels. If those two criteria are satisfied, we will also determine whether we can build an effective barrier for a reasonable cost, which our policy defines as \$50,000 or less per benefited residence. If all of these criteria are met, Anne Arundel County will have to commit to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost, and the construction of a barrier would be dependent upon the availability of State funds.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in this issue. Our analyses should be completed by the end of December, and I look forward to sharing the results with you at that time. If you need additional information regarding any of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: Ms. Catherine Dorsey, Legislative Assistant to Delegate Leopold  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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Department of Transportation  
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration  
Mr. John M. Lewis, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of  
Transportation  
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of  
Transportation

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Response prepared 11/18/98 5:24 PM SHA/OED/NAT

Responding to a letter dated 10/26/98

Responding to telephone conversations on 11/18/98 and 11/23/98

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From: Irene Heline  
To: CAdams, JHade, KOldham, NHardy, PTroll  
Date: November 18, 1998 (Wednesday) 2:13pm  
Subject: Letter to Delegate Leopold

I received a call from Ms. Catherine Dorsey from Delegate Leopold's office. She requested that the letter that we are writing in response to MD 100/MD 10 noise issues and the tree issues be sent to her attention. This way she will get the mail and Del. Leopold will not have this routed to his home address which is what the procedure is when the mail is directly sent to him. This may mean that the letter can go out for Charlie's signature with a cc to Parker. Please let me know what you think on this.

Thanks!

Irene

JOHN R. LEOPOLD  
DEPUTY MINORITY WHIP

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## HOUSE OF DELEGATES

October 26, 1998

Mr. Charles B. Adams  
Director of Environmental Design  
MD State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

The residents of communities bordering MD Route 10 and MD Route 100 suffer dramatically from traffic noise from these heavily traveled roads. I have had several requests for noise barriers from residents of these communities.

The community of Cedar Hills is located near the intersection of U.S. 695 and MD Route 10. It has been there for many years and the various highways in that location have been built around it.

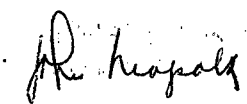
MD Route 10 is very close to the residents that live between Route 10 and Route 270 just north of the intersection of MD Route 648. This area has been tested and qualifies for a noise wall.

The community of Willobrook is south of Route 100 and the residents of Willobrook Road, Victory Way, and Brookwood Road between Catherine Avenue and Edwin Raynor Boulevard are requesting relief from the noise from these roads.

I would appreciate hearing from you regarding the State's plans to install noise barriers at these locations. If you need further information on any of these areas, please call me. I will provide the names and addresses of the residents who contacted me.

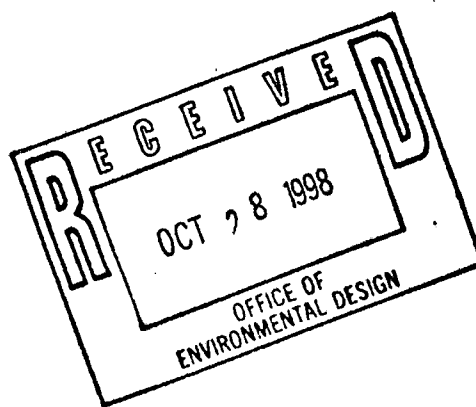
I appreciate your attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

  
JOHN LEOPOLD  
Delegate

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**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
**State Highway Administration**

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Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

November 4, 1998

The Honorable John Leopold  
Maryland House of Delegates  
8626 Houlton Harbor  
Pasadena MD 21122-2570

Dear Delegate Leopold:

Thank you for your recent request for information concerning sound barriers. Per your request to Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, our Director of Communications, enclosed is a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy.

Thank you again for your interest. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, State Highway Administration

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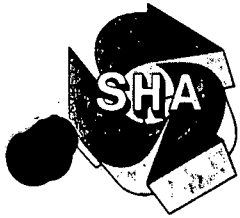
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October 28, 1998

Ms. Catherine Dorsey  
c/o The Honorable John Leopold  
Maryland House of Delegates  
213 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21122-2570

Dear Ms. Dorsey:

Per our conversation on October 28 regarding sound barriers, enclosed is a copy of the Maryland State Highway Administration's Sound Barrier Policy. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

James D. Hade  
Team Leader  
Noise Abatement Team

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REMARKS/COMMENTS: Delegate Leopold's Assistant  
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The Honorable John R. Leopold  
c/o Ms. Catherine Dorsey  
213 Lowe House Office Building  
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Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Leopold:

This letter is in response to your inquiry to Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design for the State Highway Administration about reforestation in the vicinity of where MD 100 and MD 10 intersect. I would like to advise you of efforts planned to plant additional trees in this area.

We have contacted the Department of Natural Resources and they are working on a plan to do additional planting in the area in the Spring of 1999. Currently, they are awaiting test results on soil samples taken to determine if soil amendments are needed to ensure success of the next plantings. The State Highway Administration will work cooperatively with DNR to have this area replanted next Spring.

Again, thank you for your interest in this issue and if you would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410 545-8640 or 1 800 446-5962.

Sincerely,

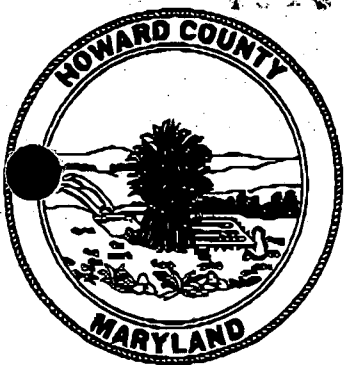
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Transportation  
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December 7, 1998

Parker Williams, Administrator  
State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Route 32 noise issues in the River Hill area continue to be of concern to me. Although I understand that the current Environmental Impact Statement being developed is limited to the section west of MD 108 to I-70, any improvements to this roadway will have an impact on residences east of MD 108 to Cedar Lane. I am writing to support Senator Christopher McCabe's request that a study be conducted to address the potential noise impact on the existing communities when the proposed expansion would be built. I am well aware of the State's noise mitigation policies. However, this would seem to be an opportunity to compile some solid data for comparison in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-313-2001 if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Lorsung  
Council Member

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cc: Neil Pedersen  
Josh Heltzer



This letter  
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**MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE (PHONE 410-545-0400 FAX 410-209-5009)**

**REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PREPARED CORRESPONDENCE TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

(Attn: Donna Austin)

CONTROL # 98Dec7

LOG DATE: 12/08/1998

SENDER: LORSUNG, MARY C.

SUBJECT: ROUTE 32 NOISE ISSUES IN THE RIVER HILL AREA

- ☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE
- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
- ☐ REPLY DIRECTLY, CC: ADMINISTRATOR
- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR ADMINISTRATOR FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

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State Highway Administration

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David L. Winstead  
Secretary

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

DATE: Jan 30<sup>th</sup> '98

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Noise Abatement Design  
and Analysis Section

TO: Del. Love - Re: Kay Reiser - 410-841-3233  
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

FROM: Philip Troll - OED - 410-345-8600  
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

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Please forward this transmittal to the appropriate person as soon as possible. If you have any problems with this transaction, please call our office at (410) 545-8641. The telephone number for the FAX machine at State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design is (410) 209-5003.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

Hello Kay - Here are copies of the noise controls for Howard and Prince Georges Counties - I will continue to investigate your "letter of intent" question. If you have any questions - don't hesitate to give me a call.

Philip Troll

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_

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Hello Kay - Here is the refax of the P.E. & No City Noise Controls



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Parker F. Williams  
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DATE: Feb 2nd '96

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Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

Hello Kay, what follows is a copy of the letter of intent sent to Exec Gary on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> of last year - Also attached is a brief sheet detailing suggested noise mitigation requirements for local Subdivision regulations - As always, if I can be of any further assistance don't hesitate to ring me

Philip Troll

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## REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

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CONTROL # 98Apr20

LOG DATE: 04/22/1998

SENDER: MADDEN, ERICSUBJECT: DID ANY ONE MEET WITH DR. ANDRULIS & MR. FORNARO ON SOUND BARRIERS

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REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Noise Team  
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action required.  
Charles

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Office of the Secretary

Maryland Department of Transportation

PO Box 8755

BWI Airport, MD 21240-0755

# FAX

Date: 4/22/98

Number of pages including cover sheet: 11

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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CC: \_\_\_\_\_

From:

ERIC MADDEN

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Phone: (410) 865-1010

Toll-free: \_\_\_\_\_

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REMARKS:

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**For your review**

**Reply ASAP**

**Please comment**

**PARKER-**

**DID ANYONE FROM YOUR SHOP EVER MEET  
WITH DR. ANDEULIS AND MR. FORNARD REGARDING  
THE SOUND BARRIERS ALONG I-495?**

**THANKS,  
ERIC**



## **Maryland Department of Transportation**

**The Secretary's Office**

November 27, 1998

**Parris N. Glendening**  
Governor

**David L. Winstead**  
Secretary

**John D. Porcari**  
Deputy Secretary

The Honorable Martin G. Madden  
Senate of Maryland  
402B James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Maryland House of Delegates  
209 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
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The Honorable Frank S. Turner  
Maryland House of Delegates  
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Dear Senator Madden and Delegates Pendergrass and Turner:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in Howard County regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. The Dalton community in your district, adjacent to US 29, has been reviewed to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier under our Type II, or retrofit program.

In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure State-funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the original highway. The Dalton community does not meet the date criterion because it was built after US 29 and therefore does not qualify for a sound barrier.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. If you need any additional information regarding this community, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is 410-865-1000

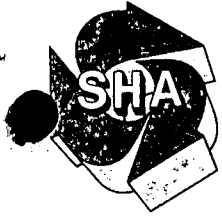
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 Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation

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November 12, 1998

The Honorable Martin G. Madden  
Senate of Maryland  
402B James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Madden:

This letter is a follow up to the recent Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) meeting held in Howard County. At that meeting, you asked several questions about sound barriers; I am pleased to be able to respond to you on those issues:

***US 29 Sound Barrier***

You asked that we consider combining the construction of a sound barrier for the Guilford Downs community with the Columbia Hills project. We will investigate whether it will be feasible to include both of these in one construction contract. This will depend on the availability of County funds and the priority of State funds for Guilford Downs compared to other communities which have also been approved for barriers.

You also requested information on the noise levels in the Guilford Downs community. A copy of our latest noise analysis report is enclosed.

***Noise Barrier Completion Time Frames***

You asked how long it takes, on average, for sound barrier projects to be built. The design phase for a barrier generally takes from 9-12 months, depending on the size of the area to be protected. The length of time from advertisement for bids to the completion of construction will generally take from 15-24 months, again depending on the size of the project.

My telephone number is ~~410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770~~

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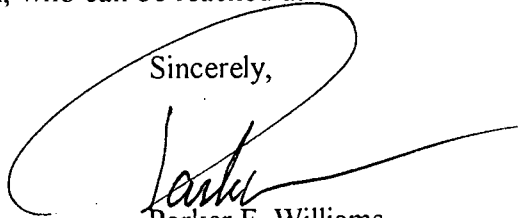
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Thank you again for your interest in and continued support of all of our highway projects, including sound barriers. I trust this information adequately responds to your questions. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410 545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Parker F. Williams', is written over a large, loopy circular flourish.

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

Enclosure

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Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Director of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State Highway Administration

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

### **III. EXISTING NOISE ENVIRONMENT**

#### **A. Ambient Noise Measurements**

In order to determine the existing noise characteristics present within the project area, ambient noise measurements were recorded using a Metrosonics dB308 Sound Analyzer on December 17 and 18, 1997. The results of the ambient measurements were the basis for defining impacts in the Noise Evaluation Report dated March 1998. Descriptions of the receptor sites and record noise levels from the March 1998 report are presented in the following sections. Results of the ambient measurements at the receptor locations chosen indicate a variety of contributing sources to the local noise environment. These include birds chirping, rustling leaves, dogs barking, in addition to traffic-related noise. U.S. Route 29 is the main traffic noise source influencing the noise environment.

#### **B. Description of Noise Receptor Sites**

Short term ambient noise monitoring was completed at six sites. Two 24-hour measurements were completed in the rear yards of 5106 and 5114 West Penfield Road, whose property abuts U.S. 29. Short term measurements consisted of 20 minute periods beginning at 10:00 AM and ending at 1:00 PM. Both the short-term and 24-hour measurements were subdivided into shorter periods to determine if any non-roadway sources influenced the overall ambient noise levels. Non-roadway noise sources were not identified as influencing the overall noise environment.

Test locations were selected near occupied residences at various representative sites adjacent to U.S. 29. The measuring microphone was placed at a position typical of residential exposure, e.g. at a patio/garden area or near where normal outdoor activity would take place. Second row measurements were taken in the front yards of homes to determine noise drop off due to distance and shielding. The microphone was also positioned to minimize the influence of sound reflected from buildings or radiated from relatively near, localized noise sources (e.g. heating/air conditioning units).

The topography of the study area is level with U.S. 29 at Pepple Drive, climbs to 5 feet ( $\pm$ ) higher than U.S. 29 from 5118 W. Penfield to 9445 Penfield Circle, then drops back level with U.S. 29 near Diamondback Drive. To the east of U.S. 29 the topography rises to a high point line along the residences of 5121 to 5101 W. Penfield Road. Strands of trees separate the residences from U.S. 29, however, they provide little, if any acoustical benefit.

- Test Site 9526 is located in the side yard of the residence 9526 Pepple Drive near a vegetable garden. The area is level with U.S. 29 and is the closest receptor site to the traffic noise source.
- Test Site 9517 is located in the side yard of the residence 9517 W. Penfield Road. The receptor site is adjacent to Pepple Drive, is slightly higher than U.S. 29 and is shielded to the south by the homes along Pepple Drive and to the north by the homes along W. Penfield Road.
- Test Site 5122 is located in the rear yard of the residence 5122 W. Penfield Drive on a patio parallel to the end of an in-ground pool. The receptor site is higher than U.S. 29 and may receive shielding by the top-of-cut of U.S. 29 and is shielded slightly to the north by 5118 W. Penfield Road.
- Test Site 5114 is located in the rear yard of the residence 5114 W. Penfield Road. The receptor site is higher than U.S. 29 and may receive shielding by the top-of-cut of U.S. 29 and is shielded slightly to the north by 5110 W. Penfield Road. This site was established as a 24-hour measurement.



- Test Site 5113 is located in the front yard of the residence 5114 W. Penfield Road. The receptor site is within the second row of residences adjacent to U.S. 29, and is shielded in all directions by the first row residences.
- Test Site 5106 is located in the rear yard of the residence 5160 W. Penfield Road. The receptor site is higher than U.S. 29 and may receive shielding by the top-of-cut of U.S. 29. This site was established as a 24-hour measurement.
- Test Site 9449 is located in the rear yard of the residence 9449 Penfield Circle. The receptor site is near level with U.S. 29 as the topography drops toward Diamond Back Drive.
- Test Site 9446 is located in the front yard of the residence 9446 Penfield Circle. The receptor site is within the second row of residences adjacent to U.S. 29, and is shielded in all directions by the first row residences.

Weather conditions during the measurement period were derived from observation and climatological reports from the National Weather Service station at Baltimore Washington International Airport. Temperatures ranged from a high of 58° F to a low of 23° F. Winds during the short-term measurements were negligible, as a wind meter did not register. Changes to the wind pattern were not observed during the unattended period of the 24-hour measurement.

### C. Recorded Ambient Noise Levels

Short-term (attended) ambient noise measurements expressed in one hour equivalent sound levels ( $L_{eq}$ ) taken at the above locations are listed in Table 3. The 24-hour measurement in hourly  $L_{eq}$  is listed in Table 4. The proposed 24-hour measurements terminated prior to completion of the scheduled run. The meter at 5114 W. Penfield terminated in the 20<sup>th</sup> hour between 7 and 8 AM. The meter at 5106 W. Penfield Road terminated in the 18<sup>th</sup> hour between 5 and 6 AM. The termination is a result of the decrease in temperature shortening the life of the battery. However, sufficient data was obtained to assess the impacts associated with traffic on U.S. 29. Table 4 assumes a peak noise level for the site at 5106 for the hour from 7 to 8 AM. This extrapolation is based upon the consistent 4 dBA difference between the two 24-hour measurement sites.

Table 3 includes an adjustment to the ambient measurement to account for peak noise hour levels. The peak noise hour was between 7 AM and 8 AM with a hourly  $L_{eq}$  of 69 dBA at site 5106 and 73 at 5114. The adjustment accounts for the 24-hour noise level during the time period of the short-term measurement as compared to the peak noise hour. For example, site 9449 recorded a noise level of 68 between 12 and 1 PM. The 24-hour measurement between 12 and 1 PM was 70 dBA compared to 73 dBA peak hour at site 5106, a difference of 3 dBA, therefore, the peak hour adjustment for receptor site 9449 is 71 dBA.



**TABLE 3 - AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS**  
December 17, 1997

Receptor Site	Location	Time	20-Min Ambient Leq dBA	Peak-Hour Adjusted Ambient L <sub>eq</sub>
5113	front yard 5113 W. Penfield Rd.	10:15 am - 10:35 am	55	58
5122	rear yard 5122 W. Penfield Rd.	10:45 am - 11:05 am	65	68
9526	side yard 9526 Pebble Dr.	11:10 am - 11:30 am	68	71
9517	side yard 9517 Pebble Dr.	11:35 am - 11:50 am	60	63
9449	rear yard 9449 Penfield Cir.	12:05 am - 12:25 am	68	71
9446	front yard 9446 Penfield Cir.	12:30 am - 12:50 am	60	63

**TABLE 4**  
**24-HOUR AMBIENT NOISE LEVEL**  
 December 17 and 18, 1997

TIME	Rear Yard of 5106 W. Penfield Road 1-hr. $L_{eq}$ dBA	Rear Yard of 5114 W. Penfield Road 1-hr. $L_{eq}$ dBA
10:00am - 11:00am	70	66
11:00am - 12:00pm	70	66
12:00pm - 1:00pm	70	66
1:00pm - 2:00pm	70	67
2:00pm - 3:00pm	70	67
3:00pm - 4:00pm	71	67
4:00pm - 5:00pm	71	68
5:00pm - 6:00pm	71	67
6:00pm - 7:00pm	71	67
7:00pm - 8:00pm	71	67
8:00pm - 9:00pm	69	65
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The Honorable Martin G. Madden  
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Dear Senator Madden:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding sound barriers for the Guilford Downs and High Ridge communities. The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in Howard County regarding sound barriers, and these communities have been reviewed to determine if they meet the requirements for a barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you both the Guilford Downs and High Ridge communities meet the technical eligibility requirements for sound barriers, though funds for design and construction have not yet been identified. Once Howard County agrees to fund 20 percent of the barrier costs, we will look at the availability of funds for these barriers in the transportation program. I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress as we work through the process to identify funding.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigations. If you need any additional information regarding either of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
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*Winstead*

Dear Secretary Winstead:

Last April, I initiated an inquiry with Mr. Charles Adams, Director of Environmental Design, to determine the status of requests for sound barriers for the communities of Guilford Downs and Highbridge in Howard County. I was told that both projects were undergoing evaluation and that results would be available in early June.

When I called in June, I was told that the results would be ready in two weeks. In July, I was told that the information was being put in a draft letter and was being passed along and an answer could be expected, again, in two weeks. At the end of July, I was told to expect a response in August. In August, I was told it would be September.

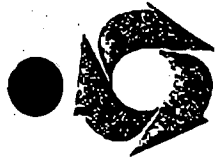
It is now the beginning of October and, unfortunately, I have received no definitive information regarding these two projects.

It is my understanding that you will be visiting Howard County on Thursday, October 15, 1998 to discuss the Maryland Department of Transportation's 1999 Report on Transportation with Howard County residents. It is my hope that, at this time, you will also be prepared to address and answer the questions regarding the construction of sound barriers for Guilford Downs and Highbridge. I know that residents from these neighborhoods will be present and anxious to learn the results of the Department's studies.

Thank you for your attention to this concern. I look forward to seeing you at the "Road Show" on October 15.

Sincerely,

*Martin G. Madden*  
Martin G. Madden



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The Honorable Martin G. Madden  
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Dear Senator ~~Madden~~ *Martin*

Thank you for the recent letter you and Delegate John S. Morgan sent to me regarding a sound barrier for the Scotchtown Hills community adjacent to northbound I-95 in Laurel. I appreciate this opportunity to respond to your request.

Noise levels emanating from traffic on I-95 are above the recognized impact threshold in the Scotchtown Hills community, and staff at the State Highway Administration (SHA) realizes this. I sympathize with the residents of this community for the discomfort they experience.

Maryland is one of the leading states in the construction of sound barriers to reduce the effects of highway noise on communities. Still, we cannot afford to provide sound barriers for every community that requests them. Because the demand is so great, and the cost for sound barriers is substantial, there must be guidelines for the decisions on approval of barriers. In the past two years, we convened a legislative panel to assist the Department with the review of our Sound Barrier Policy. This was undertaken to determine where revisions were needed and the substance of any revisions. Some of the topics that were addressed included who should be eligible, impact definitions, cost considerations, and local noise control requirements. One of the points considered was the issue of which came first, the homes or the highway. The overwhelming recommendation was that the State should not be building sound barriers in situations where the road was in place before the homes, and no capacity improvements have been made since the homes were built. This is the case with this community.

This is not the only location where a community was built after the highway, and sound barriers are being requested. There are a number of similar areas throughout the State, and the cost to provide barriers for all of these locations would be substantial. This level of funding is just not available within the Department's budget.

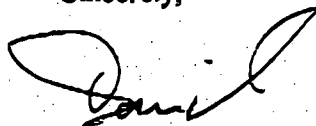
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In your letter, you refer to plans to widen I-95 to add an additional two lanes in each direction. There are no current plans for an expansion of the portion of I-95 between the Capital and Baltimore beltways, although it may be necessary to look at the need to provide more capacity at some time in the future. If this were to occur, the issue of noise impact would be considered as a part of those improvements.

Thank you again for your letter. I am sorry that I cannot agree to your request to create a second tier of eligibility within our sound barrier policy. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further, or you may call Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: The Honorable John M. Morgan, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
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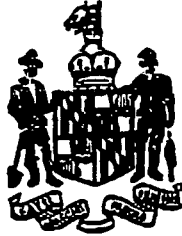
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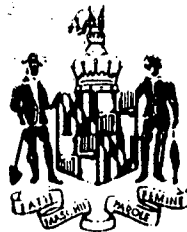
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Thank you for considering my request. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

**Martin G. Madden**

cc: Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant for Noise Abatement



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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 07/29/98 /cdj SERIAL#: 11895

DATE: 07/30/98

TO: WILLIAMS

FROM: Madden, Martin G 07/28/98

RE: TRAFFIC NOISE FORM ROUTE 95 IN THE COMMUNITY OF SCOTCHTOWN HILLS IN LAUREL MD RESPOND BY: 08/06/98

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ASSIGNED TO: Charlie Adams DATE: 7-30-98  
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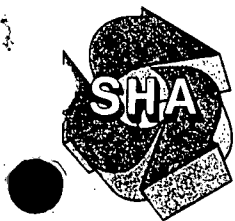
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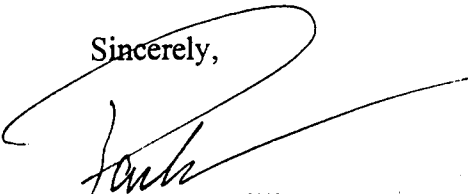
Dear Senator Madden:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, regarding a sound barrier for the Scotchtown Hills community adjacent to I-95 in Laurel. I appreciate this opportunity to clarify how the State's sound barrier policy applies to this community.

For a community to be considered for a sound barrier, noise levels must exceed 66 decibels, the majority of the impacted homes must predate the original construction of the highway, and we must be able to build an effective barrier at a reasonable cost. Our records indicate that the Scotchtown Hills community was developed after the of completion of I-95 in 1971. Based upon this information, we cannot consider this area for a sound barrier.

Thank you again for your letter. I regret that I am unable to offer a positive response. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-888-375-1975.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams  
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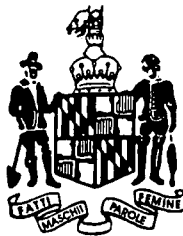
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June 25, 1998

Mr. Charles Adams, Director  
Environmental Design  
State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

Recently, a number of residents from the Scotchtown Hills neighborhood of Laurel have expressed their concern about the steadily increasing level of noise generated by traffic on Interstate 95. Highway noise in this area has always been bad and now it growing noticeably worse.

Delegate John Morgan, Councilman Mike Maloney and I would like to request that you monitor the noise levels in this neighborhood and consider it for sound barriers. We realize that there are guidelines you normally follow when assessing an area for sound barriers. However, because the highway noise the residents endure is truly excessive, it is our hope that you will consider Scotchtown Hills regardless of the current criteria.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you regarding the noise monitoring results.

Sincerely,

Martin G. Madden

cc: Delegate John Morgan  
Councilman Mike Maloney  
Ms. Frederica Cole  
Mrs. Franci Lida



**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
**State Highway Administration**

April 29, 1998

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Parris N. Glendening  
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The Honorable Martin G. Madden  
Senate of Maryland  
402B James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Senator Madden:

This letter is written as a follow up to a recent telephone conversation between Ms. Iris Frey of your office and Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, regarding sound barriers for the Guilford Downs and Highbridge communities in Howard County. We are reviewing both of these areas to determine if they meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Because the level of detail involved in each review can vary depending on a number of factors, it may be helpful to run through the process we use for these reviews.

Each evaluation considers the eligibility criteria contained in the State's sound barrier policy to determine if they are met. This is a progressive review, in that we look at the criteria in sequence and all must be met for an area to qualify for a barrier. For Type II, or retrofit, barriers (such as for Highbridge and Guilford Downs), we first determine whether the community predates the adjacent highway. If this first criterion is met, we then take noise measurements in the community to determine if noise levels equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels. The number of measurements required depends on the size of the individual community. At least fifty percent of the affected homes must predate the highway for us to consider a sound barrier.

If a community meets the date and noise-level criteria described above, our next step is to perform a preliminary barrier analysis to see if a barrier can be built which will effectively reduce noise at those homes which experience noise levels above the impact threshold. When making this determination, we aim to reduce noise levels by 7 to 10 decibels at those homes where the highest noise levels occur. If an effective barrier is feasible, we next determine the cost of such a barrier and, if it is less than \$50,000 per protected home, the cost criterion is met. Once all of these technical criteria are met, a community can be considered for barrier funding.

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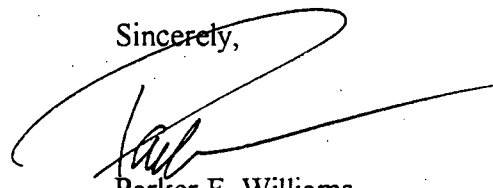
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Funding of barriers where the eligibility criteria are met is considered each year when the Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP) is developed. As you know, this process begins each Fall. For those barriers approved for funding, the county is required to provide twenty percent of the cost of the barrier.

Both the number of noise measurements that need to be taken and the amount of detailed analysis required to determine whether a barrier will be feasible affect the length of time an analysis will take. Generally, a review takes three to four months. The reviews for the Guilford Downs and Highbridge communities are underway, and we expect to have the results in early June. Once this information is available, I will get back to you with the results.

Thank you again for your interest in this issue. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams  
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The Honorable Frank S. Turner  
Maryland House of Delegates  
9432 Merryrest Road  
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Dear Senator Madden and Delegates Morgan, Pendergrass, and Turner:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) received inquiries from the community of Huntington regarding their eligibility for a sound barrier. We reviewed this community to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier.

In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure State-funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the original highway. Unfortunately, the community of Huntington does not meet this criterion; and consequently, does not qualify for a sound barrier.

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Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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November 6, 1998

The Honorable James E. Malone  
Maryland House of Delegates  
1407B Sulphur Spring Road  
Arbutus MD 21227-2794

Dear Jim:

The State Highway Administration has received inquiries from a number of communities in Howard County regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. The Hunt Club Estates community in your district has been reviewed to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Hunt Club community meets the technical eligibility requirements for a sound barrier. We have written to Howard County Executive Charles Ecker informing him of Hunt Club Estates' eligibility. Before State funding is considered, Howard County will have to agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier costs. I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to keep you informed of our progress as we work through the funding process.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigations. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendenning  
Governor

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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Secretary David L. Winstead, Maryland Department of Transportation

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Parris N. Glendening  
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Administrator

September 9, 1998

The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr.  
Maryland House of Delegates  
1407B Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore MD 21227-2703

Dear Delegate Malone:

This letter is a follow up to your inquiry to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, about the potential extension of the sound barrier that will be constructed adjacent to northbound I-95 in Arbutus. It is our understanding that there is interest in an extension of this barrier to the south for a distance of between 80 and 150 feet.

As I know you are aware, the area of townhomes in the Riverchase community that would benefit from extension of the barrier is not eligible for protection under our sound barrier program because it was built after the construction of I-95. We are, however, willing to approach our contractor about extending this barrier. Funds for all aspects of the work would have to be provided by others. It is estimated that the cost of the extension would range between \$36,000 and \$66,000 depending upon the actual length of the extension, and the actual cost cannot be determined until we know that actual length. At such time as outside funding for an extension is secured, we would initiate discussion with our contractor about this additional work.

Thank you for your interest in this issue. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-888-375-1975.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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July 27, 1998

The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr.  
Maryland House of Delegates  
1407B Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore MD 21227-2703

Dear Delegate Malone:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding a sound barrier for the Halethorpe community adjacent to the I-695, interchange with I-95. We have reviewed the Benson Avenue and Sulphur Spring Road areas of this community to determine if they met the requirements for a sound barrier.

Our analysis looked at the eligibility for a barrier under the Type II, or retrofit, component of our sound barrier program, which involves construction of sound barriers for communities which were built before the construction of the original highway. To be eligible for a Type II barrier, a community must predate the highway, noise levels must equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels, and it must be possible to build an effective barrier that will not cost more than \$50,000 per benefited home.

Previous monitoring efforts in this area indicate that noise levels at seven residences met or exceeded the 66 decibels (dBA) threshold. Tax records indicate that a majority of impacted residences predate both the 1962 opening date of I-695 and the 1971 opening date of I-95. There are seven homes in this area that experience noise levels that meet or exceed the impact threshold. However, the estimated cost to provide an effective barrier for the ten benefitted homes would be approximately \$1,054,300 or \$105,430 per residence, which is well in excess of our \$50,000 cost per residence cost criterion. Based upon this, the area does not meet all of the technical requirements for a barrier and does not qualify under the Type II program.

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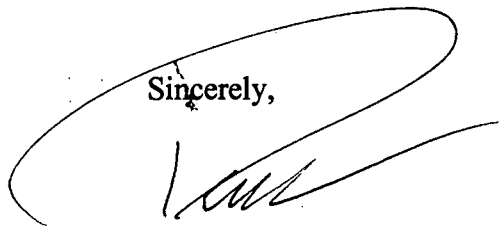
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The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr.  
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Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Parker F. Williams, is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director  
Office of Environmental Design

**FROM:** James D. Hade, RLA  
Noise Abatement Team Leader

**DATE:** May 29, 1998

**SUBJECT:** Halethorpe (Benson Ave, Old Sulphur Spring Road)

This memorandum summarizes our findings of the Halethorpe Community for qualification in the Type II Noise Abatement Program.

The tax records indicate that a majority of impacted residents predate the 1962 system opening date of I 695, and the 1971 opening date of I 95. The average date of home construction is 1942. Noise readings taken by the Wilson T. Ballard Company indicate that 7 residences are currently impacted at or above 66 decibels. A "thumbnail" barrier study was performed utilizing the "4 times ratio" to determine barrier lengths. A total of 10 homes may receive a benefit from a proposed barrier. It is not known whether a retaining wall will be required to support any part of the noise barrier. The estimated cost of two noise barrier segments is \$1,054,300. The combined cost per residence is \$105,430. This community was once denied a barrier under a Type I analysis as being in excess of the cost per residence.

Segment	impacted residences	barrier length	cost	benefited residences	Cost per residence
Benson Ave.	1	800	\$237,600	3	\$79,200
Old Sulphur Spring Rd.	6	2,750	\$816,750	7	\$116,961

CC: Mr. Kenneth Polcak

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May 7, 1998

The Honorable James E. Malone  
Maryland House of Delegates  
1407B Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore MD 21227-2703

Dear Jim:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Columbia Hills Community meets the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier, and I have approved funding for its design and construction. The State Highway Administration (SHA) has begun design of this barrier. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000.

Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our review. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for this project. If you need any additional information on this project, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000 or 1-888-713-1414.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration  
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of  
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ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Joseph P. Merke  
Chair  
Columbia Council  
Suite 100  
10221 Wincopin Circle  
Columbia MD 21044-3410

Dear Mr. Merke:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise abatement issues along MD 32. Your concern for the residents of River Hill is appreciated, and I am sensitive to their need for relief from traffic noise along MD 32.

It is my understanding that the State Highway Administration has been discussing this issue with representatives from River Hill, Howard County and Howard Research and Development, as well as with State elected officials. I have directed State Highway Administration officials to re-energize their efforts with the Route 32 Workgroup and to explore options for possible placement and funding of sound barriers. I urge you to work with State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams and his staff to identify a creative solution to this issue. They will be in contact with you within the next two weeks.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration  
Mr. David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

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Mr. John M. Lewis, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Governor Parris N. Glendening  
The State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Governor Glendening:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Columbia Council. The Council calls upon you to direct your designate(s) to the Route 32 Work Group to restart its deliberations in a constructive manner. We urge the Work Group to address promptly and fully the noise problems in the Village of River Hill caused by Route 32, and specifically to undertake a serious and thorough evaluation of technically and economically feasible options to prevent or mitigate these noise problems.

The problems caused by excessive noise from Route 32 are severe and will only become worse, especially if Route 32 is expanded into a limited access highway between Route 108 and Interstate 70 (as seems likely). Traffic counts on sections of Route 32 that run through River Hill already exceed the State Highway Administration (SHA) estimates for 2010. Moreover, noise measurements conducted by SHA in the summer and fall of 1996 show that noise levels on certain lots in River Hill exceed those expected in 2010—and several exceed the 65 dBA threshold in the Howard County design manual.

The members of the Columbia Council thank you for your commitment to solving this important problem. We know that it will not be easy to find a solution amenable to all parties, but such a solution is absolutely vital in order to protect the quality of life for our residents and to instill faith in the residents of Columbia and Howard County that the collaborative process can work.

Sincerely,

*Joseph P. Merke*  
Joseph P. Merke  
Chair

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cc: Charles B. Adams, Route 32 Work Group  
Charles F. Dammers III, Route 32 Work Group  
David E. Forester, Route 32 Work Group  
River Hill Ad-Hoc Noise Committee

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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TO: Dale Hilliard/865-1334

FROM: Jim Gring

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Dale, could please have SHA draft a response for Governor's signature on this. Thanks.

JIM

Dale,  
can I get this back  
by Monday, Dec. 22.  
Thanks.

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Parker:  
Please prepare response -  
note due date 12-22-  
Thanks  
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**The Secretary's Office**

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**Parris N. Glendening**  
Governor

**David L. Winstead**  
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April 23, 1998

The Honorable Edward Middlebrooks  
Senate of Maryland  
302 James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael W. Burns  
Maryland House of Delegates  
215 Lowe House Office Building  
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The Honorable Mary Ann E. Love  
Maryland House of Delegates  
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The Honorable James E. Rzepkowski  
Maryland House of Delegates  
215 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Middlebrooks and Delegates Burns, Love and Rzepkowski:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) received inquiries from the community of Munson Heights which is located adjacent to MD 100 regarding their eligibility for a sound barrier. We reviewed this area to determine if the requirements for a sound barrier are met. This review has been completed and I am writing to advise you of the outcome.

In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure State-funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the original highway. Unfortunately, the community of Munson Heights does not meet this criterion; and consequently, does not qualify for a sound barrier.

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The Honorable Edward Middlebrooks  
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Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I have enclosed a copy of the Department's Sound Barrier Policy, which outlines the program and its requirements, for your information. If you need any additional information regarding this community, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION

The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senate  
Suite 253  
World Trade Center  
401 East Pratt Street  
Baltimore MD 21202-3099

Dear Barbara:

Thank you for forwarding the comments of our constituent, Mrs. Pamela R. Storm, regarding the noise barrier for her community along US 50 from the Severn River Bridge to Rowe Boulevard. We have looked into the situation described by Mrs. Storm and attached is a copy of my response to her.

Thank you again for bringing Mrs. Storm's situation to my attention. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

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cc: Secretary David L. Winstead, Maryland Department of Transportation

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Mrs. Pamela R. Storm  
Garden Farms Community Association  
1 Pafel Road  
Annapolis MD 21401-1115

Dear Mrs. Storm:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Mikulski regarding a sound barrier for your community along US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Rowe Boulevard. Since this involves a State project, Senator Mikulski forwarded your letter to me.

Since taking office in 1995, I have placed increased emphasis on quality of life issues such as sound barriers. I was pleased to read that your community now meets the requirements to receive a sound barrier. As your letter indicated, however, the enactment of a sound ordinance by Anne Arundel County and the 20 percent commitment to funding by County Executive Gary did not occur until after the Department of Transportation had submitted its budget.

Now that your community has met the eligibility requirements, let me assure you that your community's request for a sound barrier will receive full consideration for inclusion in the Department's budget for next year. Your continued patience is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Secretary David L. Winstead, Maryland Department of Transportation

RE Robert M. Beauregard - PHD. A 1436

Charlie Adams - SHH



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February 23, 1998

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Refer to: HPD-1

The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator  
60 West Street, Suite 202  
Annapolis, MD 21401-2477

Dear Senator Mikulski:

Thank you for your December 15 letter to Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Governmental Affairs Steven O. Palmer on behalf of Dr. Robert M. Beauregard of Bethesda, Maryland. You enclosed a copy of his letter regarding his efforts to secure a noise barrier along I-495 (the Capital Beltway) near his home. I have been asked to reply on Mr. Palmer's behalf.

We agree with Dr. Beauregard that highway noise can be a quality of life issue. In fact, concern about highway noise prompted Congress to include a provision for noise abatement in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1970. The provision did not authorize special funding for noise abatement, but did establish eligibility for abatement in certain cases. For example, State transportation departments are required to consider noise impacts when a project that is being developed with Federal-aid highway funds will result in a highway on new location, significantly alter the alignment of an existing highway, or increase the number of through-traffic lanes. If traffic noise impacts are expected, the State is required to implement any abatement measures, including noise barriers, that are found to be reasonable and feasible.

In the case of existing highways that are not being reconstructed, we cannot require consideration or construction of a noise barrier (known as a "retrofit"). The decision to construct a retrofit noise barrier is entirely up to the State transportation department. Federal-aid highway funds may be used for a retrofit noise barrier if the adjacent land was developed or under substantial construction before approval of the acquisition of the rights-of-way for, or construction of, the existing highway. In those cases, the State determines whether to use Federal-aid funds. Often, however, retrofit noise barriers are financed entirely with State funds in accordance with State laws, regulations, and criteria.

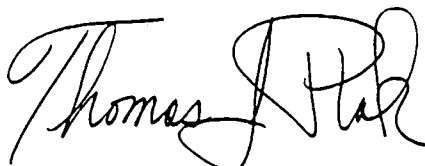
Dr. Beauregard expressed concern that during an evaluation of the widening of the Capital Beltway in 1989, the noise impact issue was covered by a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The requirements for a traffic noise analysis are the same whether a FONSI or an environmental impact statement is prepared. The analysis, as shown in the approved FONSI, indicated that the cost of a noise barrier

achieving a 7-10 dBA reduction in noise levels at Dr. Beauregard's location would exceed the State's cost-effective limit of \$40,000 per residence. Therefore, construction of the barrier was not considered to be reasonable.

On June 16, 1997, Governor Parris N. Glendening announced changes in Maryland's noise abatement policy to make it more flexible for abatement of noise adversely affecting homes. In some cases, the noise barriers may be eligible for Federal-aid funds. In others, the barriers would be funded entirely by the State. I suggest that Dr. Beauregard contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design for the Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA). He is in the best position to discuss the new noise policy and how it might affect locations around the Capital Beltway. Mr. Adams' address is P.O. Box 717, Baltimore, Maryland 21203. His telephone number is 410-545-8640.

Through our Division Office in the State, I will provide a copy of this correspondence to MSHA officials so they will be aware of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas J. Ptak  
Associate Administrator  
for Program Development

cc:  
Washington Office

BARBARA A. MIKULSKI  
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2003

December 15, 1997

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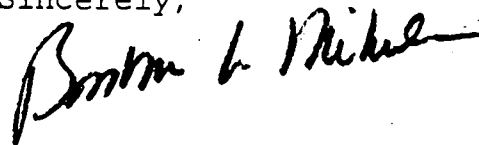
Dear Mr. Palmer:

I would appreciate it if you would review the enclosed correspondence and would contact my office as soon as possible with the appropriate information to respond to my constituent. As you will note from the enclosed, Dr. Beauregard believes that sound barriers should be in place on I-495, since federal funds were used in construction.

Please send your response in duplicate form to the attention of my assistant, Denise G. Nooe, at 60 West Street, Suite 202, Annapolis, MD 21401-2477.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator

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ROBERT M. BEAUREGARD, PH.D.  
7609 Carteret Road  
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

December 8, 1997

The Honorable Barbara Mikulsky  
United States Senator  
60 West Street, Suite 202  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-2448

Dear Senator Mikulsky:

I am writing to request your help in obtaining some relief from the constant and every rising noise imposed on us from I-495, the Washington Beltway. Normally, I would not bother you with a matter that could be handled at the state and local level. In this instance, the Maryland State Department of Transportation has resisted every effort to put up noise barriers on our side and portion of the Beltway and further, has circumvented, I believe, federal rules on noise impact to obtain federal funds for the expansion of I-495. I am hoping that you will want to investigate this matter and the Department's general indifference to the noise impact on taxpayers.

My wife and I have resided here for 29 years. Compared to the noise today, the volume of vehicles, and the number of lanes, the Beltway in 1968 was like a quiet country lane. Traffic has increased more than 300 percent over what the Regional Planning Commission ever conceived when I originally contacted them prior to buying my present dwelling. A noise level of 86 db. was recently recorded from the back door of a neighbor. This is an incessant night and day problem that has increasingly impacted on our quality of life as more and more lanes have been added and we have had to live with more and more noise.

The Maryland Department of Transportation has shown only arrogance and indifference to our problem. They have tried to deny the extent of the impact on us; they have quoted rules of their own making that no longer apply, if they ever did, to explain why they could not build the barriers. I realize the people of the Department like to build roads and more roads, but if I understand the situation correctly, the Department in its application for federal funds to expand I-495 handled the noise impact issue by submitting a FONSI, meaning a finding of no significant impact. I find this action outrageous and dishonest. The houses in my immediate area are located adjacent to the widest point of the Beltway. The noise is now deafening and very significant. Unfortunately, the federal program simply stamped the application, "FONSI REPORT" and okayed the funds. I would hope you will want to have this matter investigated by your office or the Senate Appropriations Committee or even by the General Accounting Office.

I would hope you might even want to recommend a larger examination of the laws, policies, and regulations that permit the construction of roadways in and through communities with little regard for the taxpayers who happen to get in the way. There are quality of life issues, loss of real estate value, added costs to insulate dwellings against noise impact, and a general assault on peace of mind. I have written federal and state legislation, policies, and rules. I know they can be and are changed and rewritten. There was a time when we needed more leverage to build roads to realize

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December 1, 1997

Honorable Douglas M. Duncan  
County Executive  
Executive Office Building  
Rockville, Maryland 20854

Dear County Executive Duncan:

I am writing this letter to request your immediate and unqualified support in current budget negotiations for noise barriers along the outside of I-495 from Bradley Boulevard to River Road.

The noise has grown to an unbearable level. My neighbor measured it at 86 db. from his back door. I have lived here for 29 years. Compared to the noise today, the Beltway in 1968 was like a country lane. Little support has been or will be forthcoming from the State Department of Transportation. Their track record speaks for itself. The people in the Department like to build roads and more roads. They demonstrate little interest or regard for the noise impact on taxpayers. As I understand, the Department circumvented the federal environmental impact study requirements to qualify for funds by declaring there has been no impact in adding lanes since the early 1980's. I consider that circumvention irresponsible if not outright illegal. The noise has grown to a level where I and my neighbors have spent considerable sums to further insulate our houses to make life tenable. Outside it is impossible to relax and enjoy our trees and yards.

As mentioned, I have lived here for 29 years. The volume of traffic on the Beltway has increased more than 300 percent over what the Planning Commission ever conceived when I originally contacted them prior to buying this dwelling. The addition of a noise barrier on the inside of I-495 along the Bradley to River Road section further increased the sound on our side. The Department of Transportation contends this is not the case. Clearly, they have not come here and listened or recorded the noise levels over the years. Actually, I do not think they would care if they had.

The original argument was that I knew what I getting into when I chose to purchase this home and live here in 1968. That is a lame and irresponsible rebuttal. I am no better at predicting the unprecedented growth we have experienced than the Planning Commission or others. Also, the argument goes that if I do not like it, I can move out. This disgusting and insensitive attitude overlooks another fact. Given the present noise factor, no one in their right mind would buy a home along this area now. And even if I found someone and I do not want to move, the value of my property has been greatly reduced by the noise imposed to expand I-495.

I would expect the developers and realtors of Montgomery County would be more alarmed if the quality of life problem the I-495 has created was spelled out for them in dollars and cents. Further, added lanes at this point have not alleviated traffic problems. They have created more problems for county residents in the form of additional cars exiting and entering I-495 from and to county roadways. More and more gridlock is being experienced. Certainly Montgomery County is less attractive to live in and especially to drive in than it was when I moved here in 1968. Our decisions about roadways are compounding our problems, not relieving them.

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Honorable Barbara Mikulsky

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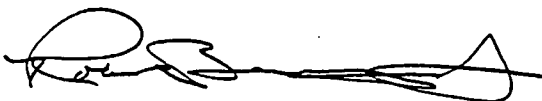
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adequate development of communities and a network of linkages between. But areas like Montgomery County are being overwhelmed by expressways. Gridlock is increasingly a fact of life on roadways leading to and exiting these larger roads. The quality of life is being adversely affected in terms of congestion, noise, and simply a serious loss of a residential atmosphere. It is time to change and shift the leverage more in favor of the taxpayers who have had to endure the relative indifference of the road builders.

To conclude, I have enclosed a copy of a letter I wrote to our County Executive. It further details my concerns and problems. I do hope you will be able to help my neighbors and me obtain some relief from the noise imposed on us from expansions to I-495. At minimum, I hope you will investigate the actions of the State Department of Transportation in obtaining federal funds for the expansion of I-495 in the 1990's and even before.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Beauregard, Ph.D.

Enclosure

Honorable Douglas M. Duncan

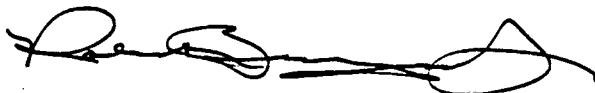
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I would like your unqualified support for our need for relief from this noise. Frankly, I have not been impressed with your response and leadership in this quality of life issue. You have been contacted in the recent past by the Burning Tree Estates Noise Barrier Task Force and received a petition containing the signatures of almost 200 tax payers in this area. As far as I know, no response has been received. I am a member of that Task Force and cannot understand your inaction. Unfortunately, my other experiences in trying to contact your office on the Seven Locks fiasco also resulted in no response from one of your staff despite your secretary's repeated assurances that he would call me.

I assure you based on my personal experience with your office thus far and your position on a number of other issues, I will not again vote for you. Further, I will actively work against your reelection. This is a decision based on a great deal of frustration and dismay. I enthusiastically supported your election to your present term and reluctantly have to conclude that you have not lived up to my expectations as a responsive and sensitive public servant.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Beauregard, Ph.D.

cc: Governor Glendening  
Councilwoman Krahinke  
✓ Senator Mikulsky  
Congresswoman Morella  
Senator Sarbanes



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October 16, 1998

The Honorable Hagner R. Mister, President  
The Honorable Mark R. Frazer, DDS, Vice President  
The Honorable Patrick M. Buehler  
The Honorable Linda L. Kelley  
The Honorable Mary M. Krug  
Calvert County Board of Commissioners  
Courthouse  
175 Main Street  
Prince Frederick MD 20678

Dear President Mister, Vice President Frazer, and Commissioners Buehler, Kelley and Krug:

This is a follow up to my July 23 letter regarding potential noise impacts from the MD 4/MD 260 interchange project, near Mr. Robert McCready's property. Thank you for your patience as we gathered this information.

An assessment of prior analyses related to this project showed there have been no changes to the original plan in the vicinity of Mr. McCready's property. The planned improvements will not add capacity to the highways involved, and no substantial noise impacts would occur. The addition of the ramp would not contribute to the overall level of noise, compared to the larger volumes of traffic on MD 4 and MD 260. Overall, it appears the proposed improvements will not have an adverse noise impact upon Mr. McCready's home.

Although some vegetation will have to be removed for the construction of the ramp, a substantial buffer would remain. The terrain in the area requires the ramp be in a cut section and connect into eastbound MD 260. The embankment from the cut section and the retaining wall will provide some additional shielding from noise. We will look at opportunities to provide plantings to compensate for the vegetation that will be removed for the construction.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

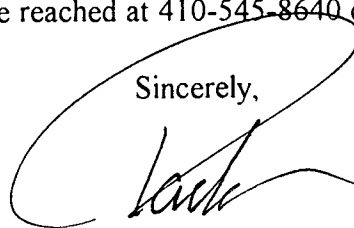
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Thank you again for your patience. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Williams", enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

The Honorable Hagner R. Mister  
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As you mentioned in your letter, we plan to incorporate a center left turn lane in the median of MD 260 in front of the Amoco Station and the Lyons Creek Shopping Center in the design of the project. My staff will continue to work with the local residents and businesses throughout the development of the project to address issues as they arise.

We will look into the concerns about possible noise impact raised by Mr. Robert McReady. The Noise Abatement Team will be back in contact with you by mid-September. If you have further questions, feel free to call our Director of Environmental Design, Mr. Charles B. Adams, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams  
Administrator



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April 18, 1998

The Honorable Constance A. Morella  
United States House of Representatives  
Suite 507  
51 Monroe Street  
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Connie:

A number of communities in Montgomery County have contacted us regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent changes to the State's Sound Barrier Policy, these communities were reevaluated to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Barnet Road, Bradley Manor, Burning Tree Estates, Forest Glen, Longwood, Park View Estates, Wildwood Hills and Wildwood Manor communities now satisfy the eligibility requirements for sound barriers. Funding for the construction of these barriers in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the Capital Program are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments have been made, the State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin design of these barriers soon, and we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for their construction once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of their progress.

Thank you for your patience while we investigated the eligibility of these communities under the State's Sound Barrier Policy. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Secretary of Transportation David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration  
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March 26, 1998

The Honorable Constance A. Morella  
United States House of Representatives  
Suite 507  
51 Monroe Street  
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Congresswoman <sup>Connie</sup> ~~Morella~~ Morella:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in Montgomery County regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

The communities of Al Marah/Carderock, Carderock Springs, Cloisters Home Owners Association, Heritage Walk, Pooks Hill and Timberlawn/Tuckerman Walk were also a part of this reevaluation. In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure State-funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the original highway. Unfortunately, these communities do not meet this criterion.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. If you need any additional information regarding any of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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February 9, 1998

The Honorable Constance A. Morella  
United States House of Representatives  
51 Monroe Street  
Suite 507  
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Congresswoman Morella:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Ms. Pam O'Neill regarding a sound barrier for the Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk community along the east leg of I-270 in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the status of their request for a sound barrier.

A review of a number of communities throughout the State was recently completed. The review allowed us to determine if these communities meet the requirements for a sound barrier based upon our new sound barrier policy. One of the basic requirements of our policy is that the majority of the affected homes predate the original highway. Our records show the homes in the Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk community were built after I-270 and, as a result, the area does not qualify for a State-funded sound barrier. While this community does not meet the qualifications for a State-funded barrier, we have indicated to the community that there is an opportunity for tax increment financing of a barrier through Montgomery County. There is existing precedent for this, and the County has indicated a willingness to assist other communities with this approach.

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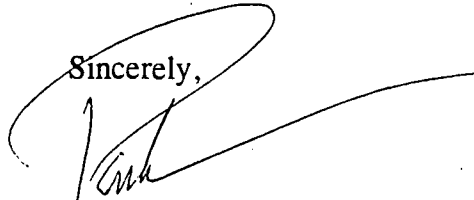
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Thank you again for your letter. I trust my response helps clarify this issue. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

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CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

8TH DISTRICT, MARYLAND

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Mr. Parker Williams  
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State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert St  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Williams:

Constituents are often in touch with me about matters that are not within my jurisdiction as a federal legislator; however, I do like to respond and offer all the assistance that I can.

In this connection, the attached was received from one of my constituents, Ms. Pom O'Neill, which describes the particular situation in detail. I would appreciate your reviewing this letter and letting me know your findings. You may direct your response to my District Office in Rockville.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact my District Office. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Constance A. Morella*  
Constance A. Morella  
Member of Congress

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**Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association**

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December 11, 1997

The Honorable Constance Morella  
223 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congresswoman Morella:

This letter is a follow up to the December 10, 1997 article that appeared in the Bethesda Gazette regarding sound barriers in the Bethesda, Potomac, Rockville area. For documentation purposes, I have also included the letter sent to Mr. Parker Williams at the State Highway Administration (which was a follow up to the May 28, 1997 Bethesda Gazette article regarding sound barriers -- this letter was sent with the signatures of numerous residents), and the response we received from Mr. Williams' office in July. In October, Mr. Charles Adams sent another follow up letter indicating that the noise abatement studies had still not been completed. What is going on?

Our community has listened to the beltway and I-270 grow for too long now. We have watched the east side of I-270 go from two lanes to six lanes, and the noise is, frankly, unbearable. The quality of life is diminished as we cannot enjoy our backyards, decks and the inside of our homes due to noise. And, as east I-270 is expanded, the quality of life will continue to diminish. Coupled with this issue is the concern that our home values have dropped dramatically -- especially if a home backs to the east side of I-270 (the last two townhouses sold for \$185,000 and \$180,000 in a community that generally has seen prices in the low to mid \$200s).

Rather than reiterate information that has already been documented, we request that you read this correspondence carefully and that you act upon our requests to be heard and included in any meetings related to sound barriers, to be considered for barriers and to help us try to maintain some semblance of quality to our lives and community. We are very concerned that our community has not been included in any of the meetings conducted by the SHA, especially since we specifically requested to be included. In addition, we are concerned that no one may be listening to us! We are a diverse neighborhood, with a good school system, a very convenient location and well kept homes -- homes that we can not enjoy because of noise. We pay very high county and state taxes and, we are concerned that we are not be served.

Thank you for your prompt response and help.

Cordially,

*Pom O'Neill*

Pom O'Neill  
Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association  
Chairman, Noise Abatement Committee

10710 Pine Haven Terrace  
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**Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration**

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor  
David L. Winstead  
Secretary  
Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

July 3, 1997

Mr. Surinder K. Juneja  
President For the Residents of Timberlawn South and  
Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association  
10734 Pine Haven Terrace  
N. Bethesda MD 20852

Dear Ms. Juneja:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise abatement issues along the I-270 East-spur in Montgomery County. In particular, you are concerned about highway noise emanating from I-270 adjacent to the Timberlawn community.

A new noise abatement policy was adopted in December of 1996 and we are now reviewing a number of areas to determine if they are eligible for noise barriers under this new policy. The East Spur of I-270 is one of these areas. We anticipate that the studies will be completed by the end of the summer and will get back to you with the results.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any other related questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth L. Homer, Deputy*  
for Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design

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**Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association**

June 2, 1997

Mr. Parker Williams  
SHA, Administrator  
707 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore Maryland 21201

Dear Mr. Williams:

In the May 28, 1997 edition of the Bethesda Gazette, an article appeared indicating that sound barriers have been approved for the area surrounding St. Mark's Church (on the east spur and up to Old Georgetown Road). However, the Church has also indicated that they do not want or need sound barriers; and a SHA spokeswoman indicated that the money would be spent "somewhere else." **WE, THE RESIDENTS OF TIMBERLAWN SOUTH/TUCKERMAN WALK, NEED THE SOUND BARRIERS!!!**

As you may be aware, since 1991, our residents, along with other neighboring and concerned taxpayers, have lobbied long and hard for sound barriers behind the homes on the east spur of Interstate 270. In April, 1993, the county tested the decibel level behind the homes on Pine Haven Terrace and the stretch of the east spur of Interstate 270 up to St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. At that time, the decibel level was well over the accepted level of 66 decibels (in some places, measured at 70-71). From a practical standpoint, the sound barriers are a necessity for a reasonable quality of life. Not only was the noise higher than the accepted decibel level four years ago; the noise has increased as the traffic on the east spur has increased. And, it will continue to increase as the roads are expanded to increase vehicle capacity.

While Church members feel that the barriers are not a necessity for their periodic or meeting purposes and oppose barriers for aesthetic reasons only, we, the taxpaying residents who live in this community 24 hours a day -- seven days a week; and who hear the traffic on a continual and sustained basis feel otherwise. And, we are in a better position to judge the need for sound barriers in this community. Therefore, we believe that any future correspondence must include our Community and its residents. As a large group of communities, providing over \$2 million in tax revenues, with homes that have ranged from \$250,000 to over \$500,000, we have all watched the value of our individual homes and of the community deteriorate as noise has increased.

Especially, as the barriers are planned for the east spur near the Church, it seems only appropriate that the barriers also be placed behind the communities on the east spur which back to Interstate 270. The State Highway Administration has stated that there is an environmental concern necessitating the erection of the barriers. We concur with SHA's assessment regarding the construction of sound barriers.

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Mr. Parker Williams  
Administrator  
SHA  
June 2, 1997

The members of this community, strongly urge you to place sound barriers behind the communities backing to the east spur of Interstate 270. Our community invites you to meet with us at any of our Board meetings. We are also happy to accommodate your schedule, in setting an appropriate time to meet regarding this important matter in a forum conducive to open discussion.

On behalf of the community, I look forward to hearing from you in the near future and to the opportunity to schedule a personal or community meeting with you. In the meantime, we invite you to "walk" the community and to "hear for yourself" our concerns. If you require, or desire, additional information or documentation to facilitate scheduling, please do not hesitate to let me know. I can be reached at my office (703) 610-2921 or my home (301) 468-6811.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cordially,

Surinder K. Juneja  
President (for the Board of Directors)  
Timberlawn South and Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association

cc: Paris F. Glendenning  
Constance Morella

February 3, 1998

The Honorable Constance A. Morella  
United States House of Representatives  
51 Monroe Street  
Suite 507  
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Congresswoman Morella:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Ms. Pom O'Neill's inquiry concerning a sound barrier for the Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association along I-270 in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the subject of noise abatement for this community.

Please find enclosed a copy of our response to Ms. O'Neill's December 11 correspondence. I understand your concerns on behalf of your constituents and we will continue to be in contact with Ms. O'Neill and will provide her with results of our reanalysis once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in this issue. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

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**Serial: #98JAN8**

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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- February 2, 1998

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The Honorable William C. Mulford, II  
County Council of Anne Arundel County  
Box 2700  
Annapolis MD 21404

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier for your community along US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Rowe Boulevard. I have received a number of letters on this issue from your constituents, and I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention.

Since I took office in 1995, my Administration has placed an increased emphasis on quality of life solutions, such as sound barriers. In the past three years, we have developed a new Sound Barrier Policy that has made communities such as yours eligible to receive these much needed projects. To handle the increased number of eligible communities, we have also nearly tripled the budget for sound barriers. In 1995, only \$22 million was earmarked for sound barriers, but since then, I have increased that figure to \$60 million. Regrettably, the number of eligible communities still surpasses our ability to fund them as quickly as we would like.

Earlier this year, Anne Arundel County enacted a sound ordinance, and County Executive Gary made a commitment to fund 20 percent of the cost of sound barriers. You will be pleased to learn that your community now meets all the requirements to receive a sound barrier. Unfortunately, these actions taken by the County occurred after the Department of Transportation had submitted its budget for the coming year to the General Assembly.

Now that your community has met the eligibility requirements, let me assure you that your community's request for construction of a sound barrier will receive full consideration for inclusion in the Department's budget for next year. Your continued patience is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

Parris

Parris N. Glendening  
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The Honorable Phillip C. Bissett, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Virginia C. Claggett, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
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bcc: Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT, **Serial #9158**  
Mr. Parker Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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November 6, 1998

The Honorable Donald E. Murphy  
Maryland House of Delegates  
36 Holmehurst Avenue  
Baltimore MD 21228-4630

Dear Don:

The State Highway Administration has received inquiries from a number of communities in Howard County regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. The Hunt Club Estates community in your district has been reviewed to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Hunt Club community meets the technical eligibility requirements for a sound barrier. We have written to Howard County Executive Charles Ecker informing him of Hunt Club Estates' eligibility. Before State funding is considered, Howard County will have to agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier costs. I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to keep you informed of our progress as we work through the funding process.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigations. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

*Parris*

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
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Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of  
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Drafted by: Natalie Hardy, October 23, 1998  
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May 7, 1998

The Honorable Donald E. Murphy  
Maryland House of Delegates  
801 Light Street, 2nd Floor  
Baltimore MD 21230-3912

Dear Don:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Columbia Hills Community meets the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier, and I have approved funding for its design and construction. The State Highway Administration (SHA) has begun design of this barrier. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000.

Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our review. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for this project. If you need any additional information on this project, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000 or 1-888-713-1414.

Sincerely,

*Parris*

Parris N. Glendenning  
Governor

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cc: Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration  
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

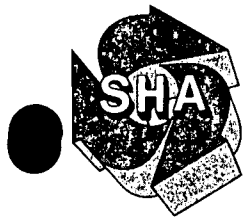
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Parris N. Glendening  
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December 15, 1998

The Honorable Christopher J. McCabe  
Senate of Maryland  
12400 Clarksville Pike  
Clarksville MD 21029-1225

Dear Senator McCabe:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, regarding the concerns of Mr. James P. Hart over highway noise along I-70 near Millbrook Road in Howard County. I appreciate your continuing interest in this issue.

Mr. Adams will be arranging for follow-up noise measurements. These will be taken at Mr. Hart's home on Millbrook Road during the next several weeks, weather permitting.

Thank you again for your continuing interest in this issue. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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*from the desk of*

CHARLIE ADAMS



TO: Noise Team DATE: 12/10

We need to monitor noise levels @ Mr. Hart's home so we can formulate a response to Sen. McCabe.

*Charlie*

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*from the desk of*

CHARLIE ADAMS



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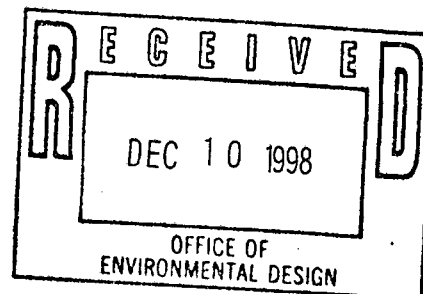
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December 1, 1998



Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director  
Office of Environmental Design  
State Highway Administration  
P. O. Box 717  
Baltimore, MD 21203-0717

Dear Mr. Adams: *Charlie*

I recently received the enclosed letter from Mr. James Hart who lives on Millbrook Road in Ellicott City. As you are probably aware, this is the area abutting I-70 where the State installed noise barriers this past year to reduce traffic noise in the adjoining community.

Mr. Hart's letter is quite explicit as to his request and I am interested in knowing what, if any, action can be taken to alleviate this additional noise problem.

Thank you for your help with several situations in Howard County. I appreciate your attention to this request and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. McCabe  
State Senate

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. James P. Hart

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9337 Millbrook Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
November 19, 1998

Senator Christopher McCabe  
Maryland Dist. 14  
12400 Clarksville Pike  
Clarksville, Md.

Dear Sen. McCabe:

I appreciate your following up with the home owners as to the effectiveness of the sound barrier erected behind the houses on Millbrook Road in Howard County to reduce the noise from I-70 traffic.

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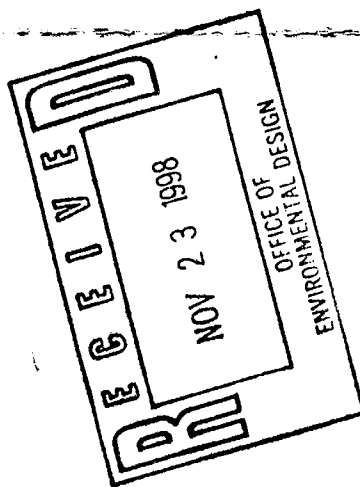
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Thank you!

Sincerely,

*James P. Hart*  
James P. Hart

cc: Mr. Charles Adams ) For your information  
Mr. Chris Merdon  
Mr. Robert H. Kittleman  
Mr. Robert L. Flanagan



9337 Millbrook Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
November 19, 1998

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

RECEIVED FROM:

Senator McCabe

SUBJECT:

Concerning measurements /s.B. for Mr. Hart (H0)

REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Noise Abatement Team is following up on this.

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY ASSIGNED OFFICE**

Prepared by:

Ted Severe

Revised by:

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Ted Severe

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**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
**State Highway Administration**

August 28, 1998

Parris N. Glendening  
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David L. Winstead  
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Parker F. Williams  
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The Honorable Christopher J. McCabe  
Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable Robert L. Flanagan  
The Honorable Robert H. Kittleman  
Members, Maryland House of Delegates  
12400 Clarksville Pike  
Clarksville MD 21029-1225

Dear Senator McCabe and Delegates Flanagan and Kittleman:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding truck traffic on MD 32. We appreciate your concern with this issue.

Your suggestion to discourage truck traffic on MD 32, between MD 108 and I-70, raises several concerns. Maryland 32 is part of both the State's primary highway system and the National Highway System (NHS). Funds for these networks are intended to provide for the interregional transportation of goods and services and are therefore meant to accommodate truck traffic. The transportation system in general, and the communities in Howard County in particular, are better served if the necessary distribution of these goods and services takes place on our higher-function highways, such as MD 32. Providing disincentives to the use of MD 32 would encourage trucks to use roads that are functionally less appropriate for truck traffic.

In 1997 trucks, not including school buses, comprised 9 percent of the total volume of traffic on MD 32 between MD 108 and I-70. This represents a two percent increase since the 1996 opening of MD 32 between Pindell School Road and MD 108, when a weight-restricted bridge was effectively removed from the system. We do not expect a further increase in that percentage if MD 32 is widened. In fact, the completion of MD 100 from I-95 to US 29 will provide an alternative route for truck traffic destined for the Baltimore Washington International Airport and the Baltimore region.

While new technologies may make it feasible to impose tolls on trucks using MD 32, this approach presents significant financial and legal issues. It would be difficult to impose a toll on trucks without also imposing a similar toll on cars; current law prohibits such discrimination. In addition, the need for widening MD 32 is in part based on the function of this segment within the region's transportation network, the volume of traffic and the economic importance of this connection between I-70 and Annapolis. Restricting or discouraging truck traffic on this segment could undermine the argument for the importance of this project to connect regional growth areas. Further, the potential diversion of truck traffic from MD 32 could create or compound problems elsewhere in the system.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 / 1-800-206-0700

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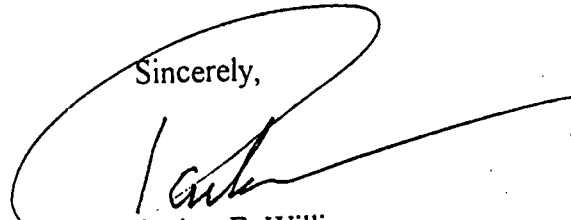
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The State Highway Administration (SHA) recognizes the safety and noise concerns raised by truck traffic along MD 32. We are working with Howard County officials and local communities in an effort to minimize impacts of trucks and other traffic on nearby development. As you are aware, SHA has implemented numerous safety improvements throughout the MD 32 corridor recently. More short-term safety improvements are planned, including traffic signals at the MD 32 intersections with East and West Linden Church Roads. We are also interested in continuing dialogue with you, the County and the trucking industry to discuss long-range strategies for addressing truck traffic issues.

Thank you again for your letter, as well as for your continued involvement in and support for the MD 32 planning study. We will keep you informed as the study progresses. In the meantime, if you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me or our Director of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, who can be reached at 410-545-0411 or 1-888-204-4828.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Director of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State Highway  
Administration



**Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration**

*from the desk of*

**CHARLIE ADAMS**



TO: Tim DATE: 8/19

*We sent a letter indicating we  
were reviewing. What is the status?  
When will we complete our work?*

*Charlie*

CHRISTOPHER J. MCCABE  
DISTRICT 14  
HOWARD/MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

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August 18, 1998

Ms. Ginetta M. Schlee  
3990 View Top Rd  
Ellicott City, MD 21042-5331

Dear Ms. Schlee:

It was good to see you recently. I am writing to follow up on our conversation regarding noise barriers. Attached, for your information is recent communication regarding sound barriers along US 29 in the vicinity of Manordale, View Top and High Point Roads. I would like to respectfully request that you do not mention specific details to other members of the community until there is more information or confirmation.

I will be meeting with Mr. Charlie Adams, Director of the Office of Environmental Design for the State Highway Administration this week, to discuss this and other issues.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. McCabe  
State Senator

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LETTER

The Honorable Christopher J. McCabe  
Senate of Maryland  
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The Honorable Robert H. Kittleman  
Maryland House of Delegates  
411 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator McCabe and Delegates Flanagan and Kittleman:

The State Highway Administration has received inquiries from a number of communities in Howard County regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Guilford Downs community meets the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier. The County must agree to fund 20% of the barrier costs. Although funds for design and construction have not yet been identified, we will pursue the funding for this barrier as soon as the County indicates their funding commitment. I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of their progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. If you need any additional information regarding this community, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

The Honorable Christopher J. McCabe  
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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director, Office of Communications, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Leslie A. Frelow, Assistant Director, Office of Administrative Services, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration  
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Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Serial # OED-64  
Mr. Charles K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

**Serial # OED-64**

Drafted by: Philip Troll October 13, 1998  
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March 20, 1998

The Honorable Christopher J. McCabe  
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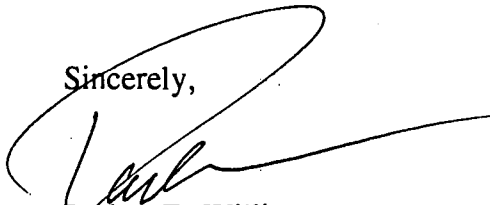
Dear Senator McCabe:

Thank you for your recent letter to our Environmental Design Director, Mr. Charles B. Adams, regarding the status of the I-70 sound barrier for the Millbrook community in Ellicott City. I am pleased to inform you work will commence in the very near future.

The project was awarded to J.T.E. Civil, Inc. on January 28, with a notice to proceed set for April 1. The community, however, probably will not observe measurable progress for at least a month after this date. The contractor needs to set up a construction trailer, arrange for staging areas and perform other mobilization activities before starting the first visible construction.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in this issue. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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The Honorable Christopher J. McCabe  
12400 Clarksville Pike  
Clarksville, MD 21029-1225

Dear Senator McCabe:

Thank you for your interest on our I-70 noise abatement project located in Howard County between St. Johns Lane and US 29 for the community of Millbrook. The project was awarded to J.T.E. Civil on January 28. Currently our District 7 office is negotiating prices on a Red Line Revision. Once these prices are settled a "Notice to Proceed" (NTP) will be issued. The anticipated date for the NTP is April 1, 1998. The community probably will not see measurable progress until 3-4 weeks after the "Notice to Proceed" has been issued.

Again thank you for your interest if you have any additional questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to call me at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams  
Director  
Office of Environmental Design

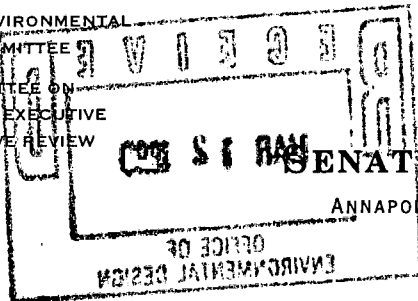
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March 10, 1998

*McCabe 3d.CBA*

Mr. Charlie Adams  
State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street, 3rd. Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Adams: *Charlie*

I continue to be interested in the status of the proposed noise barriers for I-70 in the Millbrook community in Ellicott City. I remember our conversation several months ago when the contractor for the project had not been determined as yet. I'm hopeful this has occurred and that a timetable has been initiated for the project.

I would appreciate a response in writing on the current status for noise barriers in the area so that I may respond to the community. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

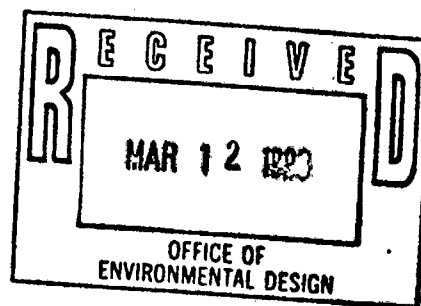
Sincerely,

Christopher J. McCabe  
State Senator

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*Thank again.*

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**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
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Governor

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

June 16, 1998

The Honorable T. Bryan McIntire  
Baltimore County Council  
Old Courthouse, Second Floor  
Towson MD 21204

Dear Councilman McIntire:

Thank you for your recent inquiry requesting information about the State's sound barrier program. Enclosed is copy of the policy and a copy of the State Highway Administration's *Sound Barriers, a Community Resource Guide* for your information.

Thank you again for you interest in our sound barrier program. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
Administration

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Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director  
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

Drafted by: Natalie Hardy -- June 12, 1998  
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**Maryland Department of Transportation**

**The Secretary's Office**

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**Parris N. Glendening**  
Governor

**David L. Winstead**  
Secretary

**John D. Porcari**  
Deputy Secretary

May 21, 1998

The Honorable Robert R. Neall  
Senate of Maryland  
307 James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

*Sabine*  
Dear Senator Neall:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier for the Lake of the Pines community. I appreciate this opportunity to clarify how the State's sound barrier policy applies to this community.

At the time of this project our Type I eligibility criteria allowed for the consideration of sound barriers for communities where the majority of impacted homes were constructed prior to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of the highway improvements. The State Highway Administration's (SHA) Type I analysis for planned improvements was part of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) which was signed on March 30, 1982. This is what we use as the date of public knowledge for approval of improvements to this area of US 50. Communities developed after this date are not eligible for sound barrier consideration. Previous research by SHA determined the majority of the impacted homes post-date approval of these improvements to US 50 and the Lake of the Pines community does not meet this criterion and is, therefore, ineligible for a barrier.

Only six properties are shown in the tax records as of 1982. Of these six properties, none were predicted to experience a significant increase in noise levels as a result of the expansion of US 50. If a significant change of five decibels or greater were predicted for these properties, a wall to protect them was estimated to cost approximately \$148,860 per residence, far exceeding the cost-effectiveness criterion of \$40,000 per residence that was then in effect. For your information, I have enclosed a graphic depiction of SHA's date research for the Lake of the Pines community.

My telephone number is (410)-865-1000

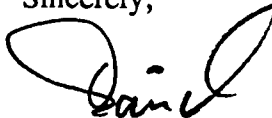
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Thank you again for your letter. I regret I am unable to give you a more positive response. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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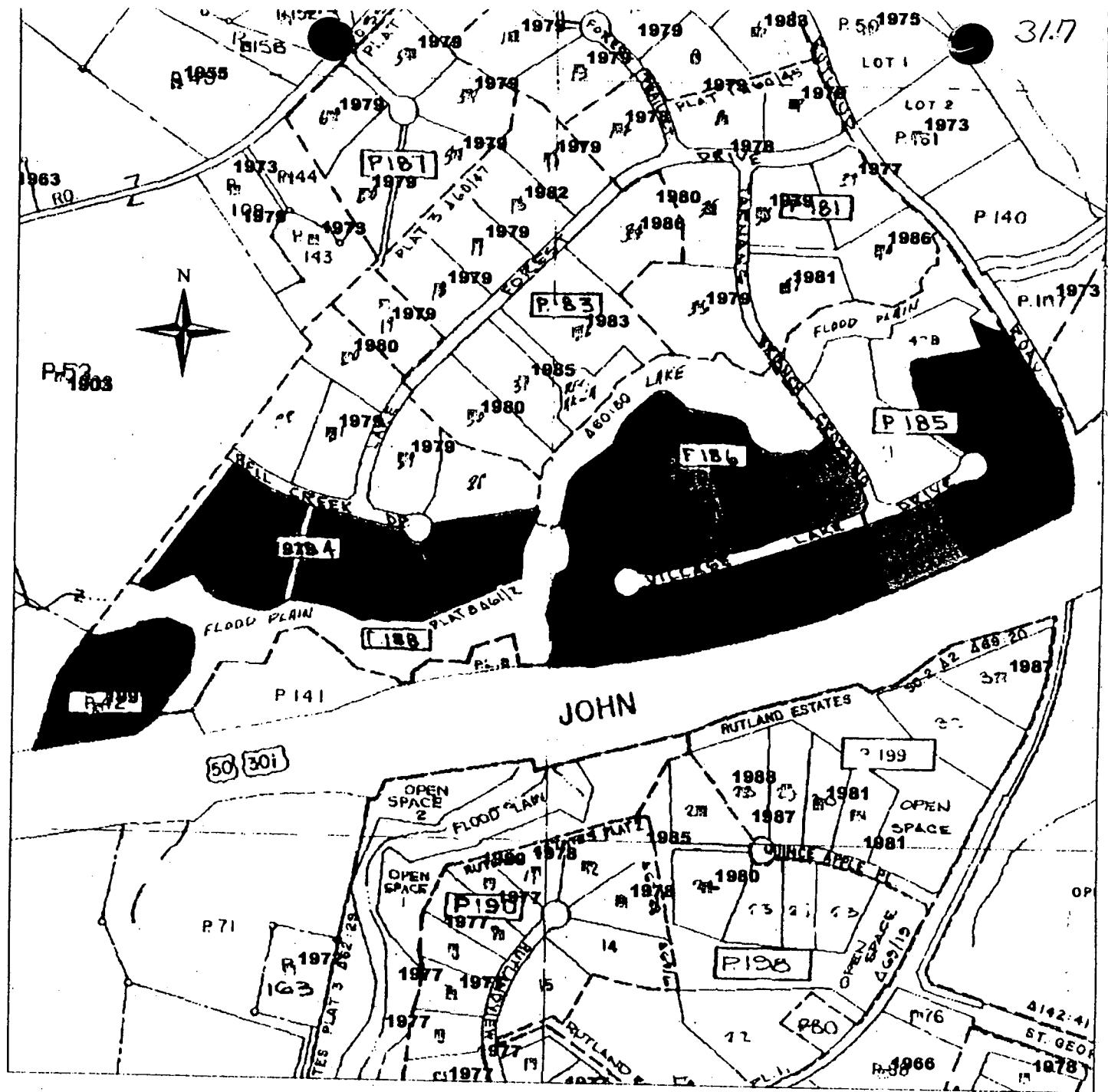
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May 11, 1998

David L. Winstead  
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cc: John Lewis  
Nanette S  
John Petty

Re: Lake of Pines Community

Dear Mr. Winstead:

This decision does not make sense. The community does not predate the original highway. Route 50 was built in the 50's. However, it does predate the recent significant expansion of Route 50 which destroyed most of the tree buffer this community enjoyed for many years.

Did your folks check the noise?. This community is over 20 years old and did not have a problem until you guys took the trees down and moved the noise closer to their homes.

I hope you will reconsider.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Neall

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Document Letter to Senator Robert R. Neall

For whose signature Winstead Due Date 5/18/98

Routing Slip for the Noise Team  
Correspondence

☒ Irene Heline

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Date Initials

☒ Sharon Blankenship

5/18/98  
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☒ Jim Hade in 9:22  
out 10am 5/18/98

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To Jim  
5/18/98

☐ Ken Polcak

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☒ Philip Troll

5/14/98  
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from NTH 5/18/98

☒ Natalie Hardy

5/14/98  
Date NH  
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to Phil on 5/15/98

☒ Gene Miller

5/18/98  
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☒ Charles Adams

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 05/13/98 /cdj SERIAL#: 11256

DATE: 05/14/98

TO: WILLIAMS

FROM: Neall, Robert R 05/11/98

RE: LAKE OF PINES COMMUNITY

RESPOND BY: 05/21/98

- ☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE  
☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc)  
☐ REPLY DIRECTLY, ACKNOWLEDGING SECRETARY'S RECEIPT, SHOW CC TO SECRETARY  
☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE  
☐ PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

## FOR USE BY RESPONSIBLE UNIT

ASSIGNED TO: Charlie Adams DATE: 5-14-98  
 TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 5-18-98  
 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Charlie is out extend til 5/19

## FOR USE BY ASSIGNED AREA

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: Philip Twell - 410-345-8600 May 14/15/98  
 (Name / Telephone / Date)

TYPED BY: Philip Twell

PROOFREAD BY: \_\_\_\_\_

## RECORD OF INTERIM TELEPHONE RESPONSE

(You can buy yourself some additional time in preparing a written reply by telephoning the constituent, explaining what's happening, and indicating when he/she may expect a formal reply. Please fill this portion and mail back the yellow sheet to obtain an extension on your reply deadline.)

Name of Person Called: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 TO SHERRY VARNER @ MDOT (MS-255)

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**Maryland Department of Transportation**

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**Parris N. Glendening**  
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Deputy Secretary

April 23, 1998

The Honorable Robert R. Neall  
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The Honorable Robert C. Baldwin  
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The Honorable Janet Greenip  
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The Honorable Marsha G. Perry  
Maryland House of Delegates  
214 Lowe House Office Building  
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Dear Senator Neall and Delegates Baldwin, Greenip and Perry:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) received inquiries from the Lake of Pines community regarding their eligibility for a sound barrier. We reviewed this area to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier. I want to advise you of the results of our review.

In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure State funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the original highway. Unfortunately, the community of Lake of Pines does not meet this criterion; and consequently, does not qualify for a sound barrier.

My telephone number is (410)-865-1000

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The Honorable Robert R. Neall  
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The Honorable Marsha G. Perry  
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Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I have enclosed a copy of the Department's Sound Barrier Policy, which outlines the program and its requirements for your information. If you need any additional information regarding this community, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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January 7, 1998

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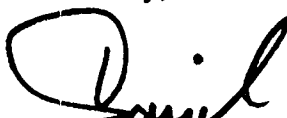
Dear Senator Neall:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the residents of the Lake of the Pines community regarding noise issues along US 50 in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the subject of noise abatement for this community.

The date criterion as defined in the State's noise abatement policy, reviewed by our legislative committee, allows for consideration of mitigation for communities where the homes impacted by highway noise were constructed prior to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of the highway improvements. Previous monitoring by the State Highway Administration (SHA) determined the majority of the impacted homes post-date approval of the most recent improvements to US 50 and consequently do not meet this basic criterion; therefore, the Lake of the Pines area is ineligible for a sound barrier. While I certainly understand your concerns, the date criteria is a basic requirement of the noise policy. I regret we cannot provide you with a more positive response to your inquiry.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Environmental Design, State Highway Administration, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

  
David L. Winstead  
Secretary

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**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
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**Parris N. Glendening**  
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October 16, 1998

The Honorable Shane Pendergrass  
Maryland House of Delegates  
209 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Frank S. Turner  
Maryland House of Delegates  
209 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
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Dear Delegates Pendergrass and Turner:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in Howard County regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. Guilford Downs and High Ridge, two communities in your district, have been reviewed to determine if they meet the requirements for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you both the Guilford Downs and High Ridge communities meet the technical eligibility requirements for sound barriers, though funds for design and construction have not yet been identified. Once Howard County agrees to fund 20 percent of the barrier costs, we will look at the availability of funds for these barriers in the transportation program. I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress as we work through the process to identify funding.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigations. If you need any additional information regarding either of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

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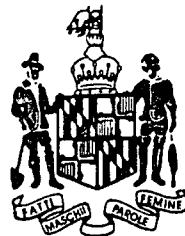
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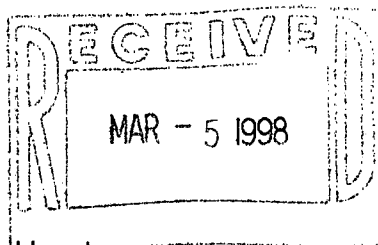
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## HOUSE OF DELEGATES



March 2, 1998

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Hands  
4982 Dalton Drive  
Columbia, Maryland 21045

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hands:

Enclosed is a Community Resource Guide on sound barriers published by the Department of Transportation. It lists the criteria and eligibility for communities to have sound barriers constructed. My aide has spoken with Charles Adams of the Environmental Design Section of State Highways, 410-545-8640. He is willing to speak with you and get your perspective on the traffic noise on the east side of US29 between Routes 175 and 108. According to Mr. Adams, the location that you site in your letter has been an on-going problem. The Maryland Department of Transportation is collecting data and is "reevaluating" the cost criteria for that particular part of US29. According to Mr. Adams sound barriers are a viable conclusion to the problem and should be decided on by the end of March.

Thank you for contacting me with your concerns.

Sincerely,

Shane Pendergrass  
Delegate

cc: Charles Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design



**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
**State Highway Administration**

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Parris N. Glendening  
Governor  
David L. Winstead  
Secretary  
Parker F. Williams  
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January 9, 1998

The Honorable James F. Ports  
The Honorable Alfred W. Redmer  
Maryland House of Delegates  
ATTN: Mr. Jeff Getek  
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6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

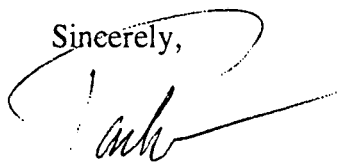
Dear Mr. Getek:

This letter responds to your call and letter to Mr. Fred Eisen, of our Office of Environmental Design, requesting a map showing all sound barriers constructed, under construction or funded but not built on the Baltimore Beltway (I-695). This map is enclosed for your information. The funded noise abatement wall located on I-695 between Thornton Road and just east of Joppa Road is scheduled to be advertised for bids in early 1998.

Your letter included information from Ms. Kelly concerning homes that predated the beltway. We have enough information on the noise levels in the area to determine which homes are impacted, and we are still researching the dates on which they were built. Some of the homes Ms. Kelly noted are located on the north side of Fitch Avenue and fall outside of the 66 decibel impact line. As a result, they would not be included in our date criterion analysis. Once we have completed our evaluation, we will notify both you and Ms. Kelly of the results.

Again, thank you for your interest in our sound barrier program. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640 or, toll free in Maryland, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

  
Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

PORTS, J. Getek

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is 410-545-0400

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**State Highway Administration**

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May 26, 1998

The Honorable Alfred W. Redmer  
Maryland House of Delegates  
8001 Harford Road  
Baltimore MD 21234-5701

Dear Delegate Redmer:

This letter is a follow up to the recent meeting with Ms. Gloria Kelly and her neighbors to discuss the State's Sound Barrier Policy. We appreciate your involvement in this issue.

At the meeting, some of the residents expressed their feeling that the State had built barriers in areas where there were no homes. We offered to provide information showing the location of residences behind the barriers. The areas of concern were: I-695 from Thornton Road to Seminary Avenue; I-695 from York Road to Dulaney Valley Road; I-695 from Charles Street to York Road; I-695 from Loch Raven Boulevard to Perring Parkway; and MD 702 from Old Eastern Avenue to Back River Neck Road. The enclosed maps show the distribution of residences behind each barrier. In each case a majority of the homes predate the system opening date of the highway. It is worth noting that, in all of our projects, a barrier will either turn back perpendicularly to the highway or run some distance past the last impacted home. This is done to offer reasonable protection to the last impacted home in the community, but is often misinterpreted as barrier construction that is not protecting any homes.

The following briefly explains some of the information shown on the enclosed maps:

- On the map for I-695 from York Road to Dulaney Valley Road, the Maryland National Guard Armory and the hotel are not protected by a noise barrier. The homes protected by the barrier are shaded.
- On the map for I-695 from Charles Street to York Road the existing noise levels and future levels with and without barriers are shown. The impacted homes are shaded.
- On the map for I-695 from Loch Raven Boulevard to Perring Parkway two options are shown for noise sensitive area (NSA) #2. For this project the State elected to construct option 1, which is shorter.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400/1-800-206-0770

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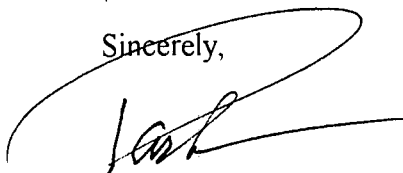
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- On the map for MD 702 from Old Eastern Avenue to Back River Neck Road there are several apartment units shown in dotted lines. This indicates that they had been platted at the time of the Record of Decision and are thus shown in the Environmental Document. This project was initiated before Maryland had a noise policy. At that time a community that had received plat approval was studied for potential noise impacts.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Policy. I trust the above information is useful. If you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

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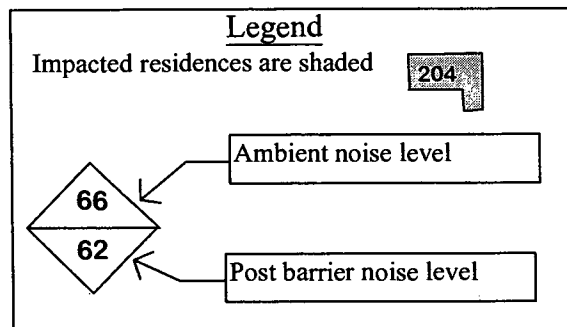
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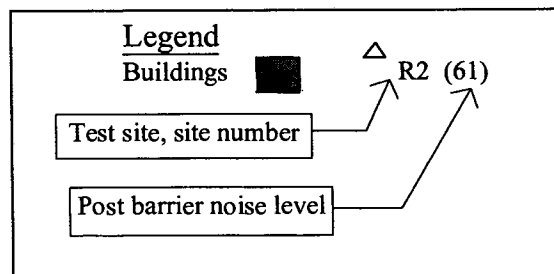
## York Road to Dulaney Valley Road



## Charles Street to York Road

## Loch Raven Blvd. to Perring Parkway

Selected alternate for NSA #2 is Option 1





**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
The Secretary's Office

November 23, 1998

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**Parris N. Glendening**  
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**David L. Winstead**  
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**John D. Porcari**  
Deputy Secretary

The Honorable G. Frederick Robinson  
Mayor  
City of Bowie  
2614 Kenhill Drive  
Bowie MD 20715

*F. Robinson*  
Dear Mayor Robinson:

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Thank you for your recent letter regarding our draft FY 1999 - FY 2004 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) and the City of Bowie's transportation priorities. We appreciate the City's interest in our program.

Your support for advancing the MD 450 project, from Bell Station Road to Stonybrook Drive, to construction and your support for advancing engineering funds for MD 450, from Stonybrook Drive to west of MD 3, is appreciated. This priority is compatible with the Prince George's County Transportation Priority List which identified MD 450, from Whitfield Chapel Road to MD 197, as their number two-construction priority. I also recognize your request for right-of-way acquisition funding, at a minimum, for MD 450, from Bell Station Road to Stonybrook Drive. While construction funds will most likely not be available until additional revenues are secured, we will consider providing funding for the right-of-way acquisition for this segment of MD 450 as we develop the final CTP.

The City of Bowie's and Prince George's County's support of a 20-foot median for MD 450, east of Bell Station Road, is appreciated. A change in the typical sections for this portion of MD 450 would delay the construction of this project. I commend you for considering safety by supporting a 20-foot median along this portion of MD 450.

Acquisition of right-of-way for US 301, from US 50 to north of Mount Oak Road, is identified as the City's Number Two transportation priorities. The planning phase for this project is funded through FY 2000. The right-of-way corridor preservation is funded for US 301, from US 50 to south of La Plata. More than \$20 million is earmarked for right-of-way preservation for US 301 through FY 2004.

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Right-of-way acquisition for MD 450, from MD 193 to Bell Station Road, is underway. We are working with the Rouse Company, the developer of the Fairwood Turf Farm, on a funding agreement. Upon execution of an agreement, the project could proceed to construction. While the construction schedule depends upon the developer, we do not expect any delay in implementation of this project.

The MD 197 project, from US 50 to MD 450, is included on the Prince George's County Transportation Priority List. This project is the County's highest planning priority at this time, since the first two projects on the list have been advanced to the Development and Evaluation portion of our CTP. This project will be considered for inclusion in future updates of our CTP for project planning.

The Bowie, Collington, Mitchellville and Vicinity Master Plan recommends an interchange at MD 3/MD 450. To include this project in our CTP, the project should be identified as the County's highest priority on their project planning priority list. I urge you to discuss this with Prince George's County and the Transportation Oversight Committee.

Engineering for implementation of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes along US 50, from US 301 to MD 410, is nearing completion. Construction funding is still an issue and needs to be resolved. The construction schedule depends on availability of funding.

Feasibility of an interchange along US 50, between MD 704 and MD 197, is under review by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. A task force was organized and chaired by Councilmember Audrey Scott to review the issues related to the proposed interchange. This review is not complete at this time. Upon completion, if an interchange is selected, it would need to be added to the Prince George's County Master Plan and the County's Transportation Priority List.

The State Highway Administration is pursuing Tier I, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Corridor approval for the US 301 Northern Corridor (from T.B. to US 50). Project planning for US 301, from US 50 to Mount Oak Road, is on hold pending the completion of the NEPA Corridor approval for the US 301 Northern Corridor.

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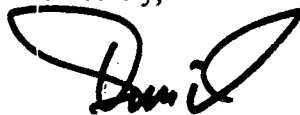
The SHA will reevaluate sound barrier eligibility for the Princeton Square community in conjunction with the proposed High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane addition along US 50. This community does not qualify for consideration under the Type II, or retrofit, component of our Sound Barrier Program because the community does not predate the original construction of US 50. I have enclosed a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy for your information.

You expressed concern about safety issues on US 301 and requested radar-activated cameras, opticom devices and cameras at traffic signals be installed along US 301 between US 50 and Pointer Ridge Drive, at the MD 450/MD 3 intersection, and along MD 450 between MD 197 and MD 3. The SHA is currently conducting a traffic safety analysis between US 50 and the Charles County Line. The report is expected to be complete in mid-November. We will share the result with you at that time. The opportunity to install Intelligent Transportation System improvements in this area could be evaluated to improve safety along this corridor.

Improving gateways to cities and counties would have a pleasant effect on local commuters. I have asked Mr. Charles Adams, Director of SHA's Office of Environmental Design, to schedule a meeting with you to evaluate opportunities to improve landscaping along MD 197 between US 301 and US 50. Mr. Adams may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-888-375-1975.

Thank you again for your interest and involvement in transportation issues. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams, who may be reached at 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead  
Secretary

Enclosure

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The Honorable James W. Hubbard, Maryland House of Delegates  
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Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

Prepared by Max Azizi, SHA 545-5675



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The Secretary's Office

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**Parris N. Glendening**  
Governor

**David L. Winstead**  
Secretary

**John D. Porcari**  
Deputy Secretary

August 10, 1998

The Honorable Jean W. Roesser  
Senate of Maryland  
308 James Senate Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

*Jean*  
Dear Senator Roesser:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding advancement of construction funding for sound barriers along the I-270 Spur and I-1495. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

We are committed to exploring opportunities to advance the funding for the construction of these and other approved sound barriers during the development process for the FY 1999-2004 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). Our annual tour will begin in September which consists of meetings in each County to discuss the overall transportation needs and priorities. As we visit around the State and our financial situation becomes clearer, we will strongly consider your request to advance the funding for these barriers.

Thank you again for your interest in Sound Barrier Program. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

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JEAN W. ROESSER  
18TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
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## SENATE OF MARYLAND

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July 29, 1998

The Honorable Parris N. Glendening  
Governor of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Governor Glendening:

Recently Montgomery County Council Member Betty Ann Krahne wrote to me about funding for sound barriers in eight communities along the I-270 Spur and I-495 (the Capital Beltway) for which Montgomery County has approved a 20 percent match in its Capital Improvements Program (CIP). While the County match is in place, the State has not approved construction of these sound barriers until July 1, 2000 (Fiscal Year 2001) — two years from now.

Charlie Adams, Director of the Office of Environmental Design for the State Highway Administration, has advised me that design of the noise barriers will be completed in September. We urge you to approve funding so that these barriers can be built at least in FY 2000.

You will recall your press conference on January 26 at the home of Richard and Sheryl Levy in Bethesda, announcing the approval of these noise barriers. The residents of the affected communities were elated. However, two-and-one-half years would be a long wait for their construction!

On a personal note, I have worked since early 1995 for a noise barrier to be built to shield the Wildwood Hills community from the incessant, increasing noise from the I-270 West Spur. Senator Laurence Levitan, my predecessor, worked with this neighborhood before 1995. The residents of Wildwood Hills and the seven other approved communities have waited a long time for relief, but the noise only gets worse.

I hope that you will accelerate the construction of these sound barriers for the eight approved communities on the I-270 Spur and I-495. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jean W. Roesser

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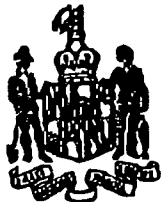
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# MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOISE ABATEMENT PROJECTS

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TYPE II NOISE ABATEMENT PROJECT STATUS						
PROJECTS THAT MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS						
FUNDED / UNDER DESIGN						
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Wall Length SF Estimate Community Name	NEAREST PROJ INIT EST WITH 4.4%	County Part. County % Fed Part	PRELIMINARY FIELD INVESTIGATION	FINAL PLANS	CONSTRUCTION NOTICE TO PROCEED
I-270 W. Spur SW Quadrant Democracy Blvd. Interchange	1,467 27,871 Wildwood Hills	20-Apr-98 \$903,023	\$160,817 20% \$722,168	1-Oct-98	Jul-99	as of this time Not before 7/1/2000
I-270 From Md 161 to 2000' East of MD 167 South Bound Only	4,190 75,428 Wildwood Manor	20-Apr-98 \$2,262,600	\$452,420 20% \$1,810,080	24-Oct-98	Jul-99	as of this time Not before 7/1/2000
I-495 From Greenlee Rd. to Fernwood Road Inner Loop	3,320 13,040 Bradley Manor	20-Apr-98 \$2,246,800	\$473,320 20% \$1,843,280	23-Oct-98	Jul-99	as of this time Not before 7/1/2000
I-495 From 2000' W. off Fernwood Rd to I-270 West Spur Outer Loop	1,150 23,400 Wells's Subdiv. (Barnett Rd.)	1-May-98 \$704,700	\$160,940 20% \$163,760	1-Nov-98	Jul-99	as of this time Not before 7/1/2000
I-495 From W. of Greenlee Rd. to Bradley Blvd. Inner Loop	2,454 21,300 Langwood	09-May-98 \$1,982,360	\$799,376 20% \$1,688,704	11-Nov-98	Jul-99	as of this time Not before 7/1/2000
I-495 From W. of Seminary Rd. to Seminary Rd. Outer Loop	1,277 18,849 Forest Glen	20-Apr-98 \$640,700	\$122,147 20% \$166,566	15-Oct-98	Jul-99	as of this time Not before 7/1/2000
I-495 From 200' W. of Jones Hill Rd. to Jones Hill Rd. Inner Loop	1,100 18,600 Park View Est.	1-May-98 \$680,000	\$160,000 20% \$640,000	11-Nov-98	Jul-99	as of this time Not before 7/1/2000
I-495 From Bradley Blvd. MD 191 to N. of River Road Outer Loop	2,500 116,897 Burning Tree Est.	20-Apr-98 \$3,784,847	\$750,909 20% \$3,027,838	14-Apr-99	Oct-99	as of this time Not before 7/1/2000
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Ms. Jean W. Roesser  
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Dear Ms. Roesser

Thank you

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April 14, 1998

The Honorable Jean W. Roesser  
Senate of Maryland  
308 James Senate Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Jean:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in the 15th District regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Wildwood Hills community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier and I have approved funding for its design and future construction. The SHA will begin design of this barrier soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for this project. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

*Parris*

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

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cc: The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of  
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April 6, 1998

The Honorable Jean W. Roesser  
Senate of Maryland  
308 James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Roesser:

Thank you for your active support for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates community. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Burning Tree Estates community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier and I have approved funding for its design and construction. The State Highway Administration will begin design of this barrier soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the State's Sound Barrier program. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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The Honorable Jean W. Roesser  
Senate of Maryland  
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Dear Senator Roesser:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the eligibility of the Burning Tree Estates area for a sound barrier along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I was glad that we could offer some welcome good news to the residents of this community.

Your continuing interest and efforts on behalf of the Burning Tree Estates community is greatly appreciated. We continue to explore potential solutions to the funding and engineering challenges that this project presents. I look forward to being able to share a resolution to these issues with you as soon as they have been identified.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's sound barrier program.. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

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*Parker*  
Please Prepare Response For Secretary. February 18, 1998  
Signature *ce. Lewis*

Mr. David L. Winstead, Secretary  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
Post Office Box 8755  
BWI Airport, MD 21240-0755

Dear David:

Thank you for your letter of February 9, updating me on the status of the request for a noise barrier on I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road in order to shield the residents of BurningTree Estates from the incessant noise from the Beltway. It is good news indeed this neighborhood meets the criteria for a noise barrier.

While I understand that engineering issues must be addressed in order to accommodate a stream and flood plain near the planned noise barrier, I urge you and the Department to expedite this project and identify the funding for it. The residents need relief from the noise at this the widest section of the Beltway. I look forward to hearing from you further. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

*JWR*  
Jean W. Roesser

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cc: Mr. Charles Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Parker Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Deputy Secretary

February 9, 1998

The Honorable Jean W. Roesser  
Senate of Maryland  
308 James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

*J. Roesser*  
Dear Senator Roesser:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
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**State Highway Administration**

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Parris N. Glendening  
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August 7, 1998

The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes  
United States Senate  
309 Senate Hart Office Building  
Washington DC 20510-2002

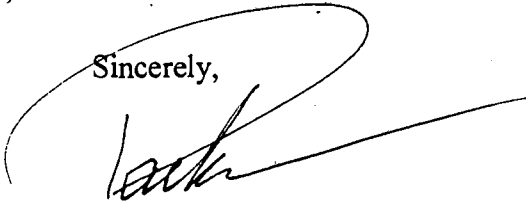
Dear Senator Sarbanes:

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Mark Brandau's letter regarding the Mays Chapel community. I appreciate your interest in this issue.

Mr. Brandau also wrote to Secretary Winstead. A copy of the response to that letter is enclosed. For your information I am enclosing a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy and the Community Resource Guide.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in this issue. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410 545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

Enclosures

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The Honorable Robert L. Frank, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Paula Colodney Hollinger, Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger, Baltimore County Executive  
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Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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**CHAPEL RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**P.O. Box 4792**  
**Timonium, Maryland 21094-4792**

June 30, 1998

The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes  
309 Senate Hart Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510-2002

Dear Senator Sarbanes:

I am the President of Chapel Ridge Community Association, a large townhouse community in Mays Chapel. Our community borders I-83, north of Timonium Road. The residents of this community, and the other communities of Mays Chapel, are suffering due to the ever increasing environmental pollution from I-83. I am writing to ask you to help us obtain relief by extending the existing sound barrier from Timonium Road to Padonia Road.

The problems that we are experiencing were first brought to the attention of state representatives in 1985. No relief was forthcoming at that time. In 1995, we again notified state officials of the problems I-83 has created. Some of those problems include the following: Residents cannot sit outside and enjoy their property without being overwhelmed by the noise. Residents cannot leave their windows open at night because the noise keeps them awake. Residents cannot carry on a conversation with neighbors without having to shout at one another. The traffic causes windows to rattle. Residents are awakened at very early morning hours by truck traffic. This noise continues, largely unabated, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In early 1997, the State Highway Administration conducted ambient noise measurements in our neighborhood. Readings were taken over a two day period at six locations. Five of those six locations had measurements which "exceeded" (67 dBA) or "approached" (66 dBA) Noise Abatement Criteria. At two of those locations, noise levels were as high as 73 and 74 dBA.

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June 30, 1998

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Our community is also concerned about the effects of car exhaust on our air quality. There are many families with young children in our neighborhood. They choose to live in Mays Chapel because it provides a good quality of life, i.e. good schools, churches, recreational facilities, open spaces and trees. But, our quality of life is suffering as a result of increased noise and air pollution issues confronting the community.

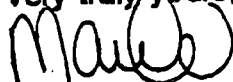
The sources of these problems are varied. Truck and car traffic has increased significantly since 1977, when this neighborhood was built. This increase has been partially fueled by residential and commercial development in Timonium and Hunt Valley, as well as the growing number of commuters from Pennsylvania. From 1990 to 1995, traffic volume increased by almost 20% to an average daily traffic count of 148,000 vehicles. The recent opening of an entrance/exit ramp at Warren Road has increased this daily count even more. The flow of traffic between Padonia Road and I-83 is so large that a traffic light had to be installed this spring at the Padonia Road exit on southbound I-83. The State anticipates another 30% increase in the daily traffic by the year 2020.

In addition, some changes have been made to the roadway, including widening the shoulders and changes to the entrance and exit ramps at Padonia Road, as well as the development of a large Park & Ride lot off of I-83 near Padonia Road, for commuters from Pennsylvania, northern Baltimore County, Harford and Carroll counties to park and access Mass Transit buses and Light Rail trains into Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County and BWI Airport. Tandem trucks are now allowed on this highway and speed limits have been raised to 65 mph. Trees and shrubs which were planted in the median have been removed. As recently as last fall, trees along the west side of the highway were cut down, leaving the fencing and our homes exposed. Although I-83 has been audible in our community for a long time, it was never visible until this work was done.

Despite our demonstrated need for relief, it has always been denied because our community was built in 1977, after the completion of I-83 in 1974. This policy simply fails to take into account the changes in the usage of this roadway over the last 20 years. As taxpayers, we are disheartened by the unresponsiveness of our elected officials to our plight, while we see sound barriers being erected in neighborhoods all around us.

Will you agree to help us? I look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,



Mark Brandau  
President, Chapel Ridge  
Community Association

Document The Honorable Paul Sarbanes  
 For whose signature Parker Due Date 8/7/98

Routing Slip for the Noise Team  
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REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

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CONTROL # 98Jul37

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SUBJECT: MARK BRANDAU, SOUND BARRIER I-83

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TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 08/07/1998

THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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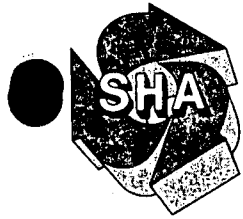
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**Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration**

Parris N. Glendening  
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December 15, 1998

The Honorable Victoria L. Schade  
Maryland House of Delegates  
213 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Schade:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. James Hade, of our Noise Abatement Team, regarding sound barriers for the community of Brooklyn Terrace along MD 10. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the status of this community.

The analysis of this area has been initiated, and we have attempted to contact Mrs. Elizabeth Young. The analysis should be completed by the end of December, and I look forward to sharing the results with you then.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in this issue. If you need additional information regarding this community, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams  
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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
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November 17, 1998

Ref for "The Book"

James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration  
P.O. Box 717  
Baltimore, MD 21202-0717

Dear Mr. Hade:

As you are already aware, the community of Brooklyn Terrace in Glen Burnie is investigating the possibility of having sound barriers installed along MD Route 10 in their neighborhood. While I am aware that this request is still in its initial stages, I wanted to let you know that I am in full support of this established community's efforts at preserving their quality of life.

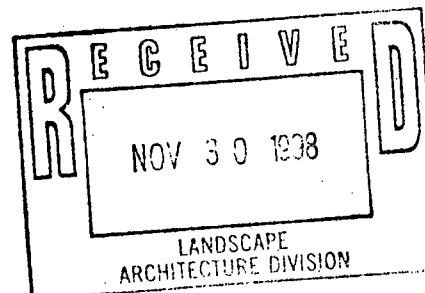
I would also like to respectfully request that Mrs. Elizabeth Young of 311 Columbus Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060, (410) 789-6309, be notified of any site visits by State Highway Administration personnel so that she might be present during any testing. She contacted me and expressed an interest in attending so that she may review and comment on this project as it develops.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Schade  
Delegate

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

RECEIVED FROM:

Delegate Victoria Schade

SUBJECT:

Brooklyn Terrace - MD10 - Sound Barrier

REMARKS/COMMENTS:

Due 12/8 for Parker's Signature

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April 14, 1998

The Honorable Mark K. Shriver  
Maryland House of Delegates  
224 Lowe House Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Mark:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in the 15th District regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Wildwood Hills community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier and I have approved funding for its design and future construction. The SHA will begin design of this barrier soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for this project. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,



Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of  
Transportation  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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The Honorable Mark K. Shriver  
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April 6, 1998

The Honorable Mark K. Shriver  
Maryland House of Delegates  
224 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Shriver:

Thank you for your active support for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates community. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Burning Tree Estates community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier and I have approved funding for its design and construction. The State Highway Administration will begin design of this barrier soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the State's sound barrier program. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration  
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of  
Transportation

The Honorable Mark K. Shriver  
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Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
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**The Secretary's Office**

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13<sup>th</sup> Dist

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

John D. Porcari  
Deputy Secretary

February 9, 1998

The Honorable Mark K. Shriver  
Maryland House of Delegates  
224 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate ~~Shriver~~ <sup>Winstead</sup>:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway  
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Maryland Department of Transportation  
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David L. Winstead  
Secretary

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

DATE: March 14<sup>th</sup> '98

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
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*Noise Abatement Design  
and Analysis Section*

TO: Ms. Leslie Silver - 16<sup>th</sup> District Delegation - 202-861-1200  
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

FROM: Philip Troll - O.E.D. - 410-545-8600  
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

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Please forward this transmittal to the appropriate person as soon as possible. If you have any problems with this transaction, please call our office at (410) 545-8641. The telephone number for the FAX machine at State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design is (410) 209-5003.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

Afternoon Ms. Silver,  
As per your request, here is a copy of the State Noise Policy that  
you requested. Refer to Page 7 for information on terms. If you  
need any additional information, don't hesitate to contact me at  
410-545-8600 or Tim Hade, the Team leader for Noise Abatement at  
410-545-8399.

Philip Troll

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_

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Caller: Leslie Silver  
Company: D-16  
Phone: 202-861-1200

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She would like to have written information (regulations) that states that berms are used as noise barriers. Her fax number is 202-861-1268.



March 21st Grapfield response attached  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration

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David L. Winstead  
Secretary

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

DATE:

April 9th '98

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
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Noise Abatement Design  
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TO:

Mr. Bob Simpson - Mont. Cty. D.P.W.  
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

FROM:

Philip Troll - 410-545-8600  
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Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

Hello Mr. Simpson  
What follows is the most current letter relating to the  
concern involving Forest Glen Park. I hope this is of  
some assistance to you. If need any additional information  
don't hesitate to call me or Mr. Tim Wade - SHA's Team leader  
for Noise Abatement at 410-545-8599

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David L. Winstead  
Secretary

Parker F. Williams  
Administrator

DATE:

May 8<sup>th</sup> '98

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
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Noise Abatement Design  
and Analysis Section

TO:

Mr. Larry Telford - A.H.C.'s Exec. Office  
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FROM:

Philip Wolf - Office of Environmental Design - 410-545-8600  
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Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

Afternoon Mr. Telford,

Per your request, what follows is a copy of Transportation Secretary Winstead's March 16<sup>th</sup> letter to Dr. Michael Busch regarding a sound barrier for both sides of US 50 between the Riggs Avenue exit and the Seron River Bridge. Also for your use is a copy of Dr. Busch's incoming letter that Secretary Winstead was responding to on March 16<sup>th</sup>. If I can be of any further assistance, don't hesitate to call.

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_

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**John D. Porcari**  
Deputy Secretary

March 16, 1998

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Maryland House of Delegates  
151 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

*in the*  
Dear Delegate Busch:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding funding for sound barriers on both sides of US 50 between the Ridgely Avenue exit and the Severn River Bridge. It is my pleasure to update you on this issue.

Now that Anne Arundel County has enacted laws to safeguard future homeowners from high noise levels and has expressed its willingness to provide 20 percent of the cost of barriers, this area meets all of the State's eligibility requirements. We greatly appreciate your leadership in this effort.

As I am sure you can imagine, there are a great number of sound barrier needs in the State which exceed our ability to fund them all at once. Although our current Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) allocates all funds available for sound barriers for Fiscal Years 1998-2003 to projects on which prior commitments had been made, we will give full consideration to funding the design and construction of these barriers in the next CTP cycle, which begins this Fall.

Thank you again for your involvement in and support of the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams; who can be reached at 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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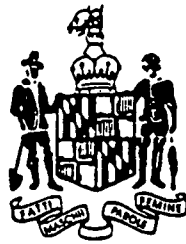
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Ms. Nanette Schieke, Policy Analyst, Maryland Department of Transportation  
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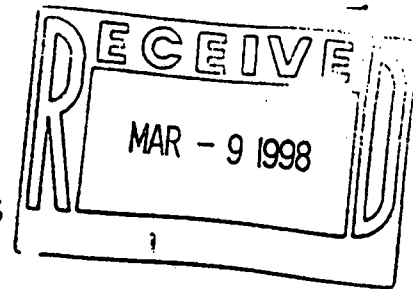
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March 6, 1998

Secretary David L. Winstead  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 8755  
BWI Airport, Md. 21240-0755

Dear Secretary Winstead:

This is a follow-up to our telephone conversation about funding for the construction of noise barriers on both sides of Route 50 between the Ridgely Avenue exit and the Severn River Bridge.

As you are aware, the communities meet all of the eligibility criteria of the revised sound barrier policy including the passage of a local noise ordinance to address future noise-sensitive development adjacent to State highways. The County Executive has committed to provide 20% of the funding of the project.

With these last two actions Anne Arundel County has met its obligations. It is now up to the State. It is vitally important that funding or, as a minimum, a commitment to funding, be forthcoming during this Session. The communities effected have waited a long time for relief. This problem will only get worse.

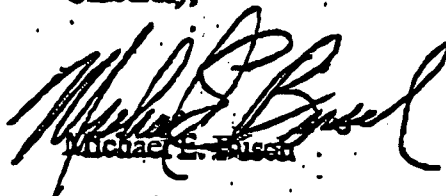
I believe the State has an obligation to these communities. This area has been involved with the noise wall issue since Route 50 was first expanded in 1974; in the Final Environmental Statement signed in 1981, walls for this area were included but were never built. The State has encouraged traffic to use this corridor. It has become the major east - west thoroughfare to the eastern shore, and traffic is very heavy twenty-four hours a day.

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Secretary Winstead  
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March 6, 1998

I can't emphasize enough how important this project is to our area. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Busch

cc: Charles Adams  
District 30 Delegation  
Fred Puddester

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**Parris N. Glendening**  
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**David L. Winstead**  
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**John D. Porcari**  
Deputy Secretary

July 28, 1998

The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen, Jr.  
Senate of Maryland  
304 James Senate Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Chris:

Thank you for your continuing interest in providing a sound barrier for the Forest Glen Park community along I-495 in Montgomery County. I appreciate your patience as we worked to find a viable solution to this unique challenge.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Forest Glen Park area meets the State Highway Administration's (SHA) technical requirements for a sound barrier. At this time funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not been identified. Funding will be considered in our next update of the Consolidation Transportation Program. In addition to State funding, Montgomery County must commit to fund 20 percent of the project cost.

Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design and his staff would like to meet with the Forest Glen Park community on Tuesday, August 25, 1998, at 7 p.m., to discuss the level of performance a barrier will provide throughout the community. These details will be discussed at the scheduled meeting.

Thank you again for your patience in this matter. We look forward to meeting with you and your constituents in August. If before this time you have any questions, feel free to call me or Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead  
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Douglas M. Duncan, Montgomery County Executive  
The Honorable Isiah Leggett, President, Montgomery County Council  
Mr. Thomas E. Natan, Jr., President, Forest Glen Park Citizen's Association  
Mr. Graham Norton, Director, Montgomery County Department of Public Works  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen Jr.  
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The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen, Jr.  
Senate of Maryland  
304 James Senate Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Chris:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in the 18th District regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Forest Glen and Park View Estates communities do meet the eligibility requirements for sound barriers and I have approved funding for their design and future construction. The SHA will begin design of these barriers soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Maryland Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of these barriers once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for these projects. If you need any additional information regarding either of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

*Parris*

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

*VN Hollen for*

cc: The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of  
Transportation  
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
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June 17, 1998

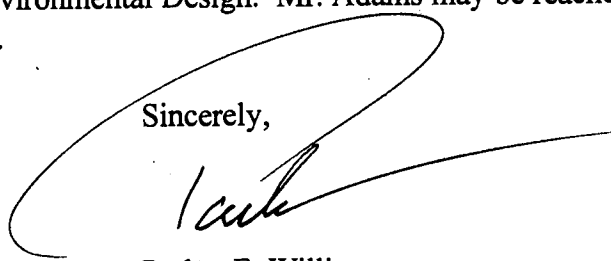
The Honorable David L. Winstead  
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Dear Secretary Winstead:

The Noise Policy adopted by the Maryland State Highway Administration on May 11 has been reviewed and approved by Federal Highway Administration for use on Federal-aid transportation projects. Enclosed is a copy of the approved policy.

If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design. Mr. Adams may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

  
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## SHA'S GUIDE TO WORKING WITH THE MEDIA

As you enter the wild and wacky world of the media, remember to consult your guide, SHA Public Affairs. Public Affairs is the primary contact for the print, radio and broadcast media on behalf of SHA.

We encourage you to continue developing your current relationships with the local media when responding to their needs. But if you have any problems, or feel you could use some professional guidance, you can always rely on Public Affairs (545-0300).

### WHY IS THE MEDIA TRAINING IMPORTANT

Remember Jeff Goldblum in "The Fly"? Goldblum, a visionary scientist (and future MDOT employee), invents a new mode of transportation slightly less dangerous than the subway. He runs into Geena Davis, an investigative reporter and starts blabbing away about his invention without any thought of what publicity might do to him. Next thing you know, Jeff's vomiting acid and crawling up the walls.

Had Jeff been properly media trained, this tragedy could have been averted. But seriously...

Knowing how to deal with the media can make the difference between success and failure.

- **Tylenol -- A Success Story**

During the Tylenol scandal (when poison was placed within some capsules), Tylenol officials went immediately to the media, inviting reporters to attend corporate board meetings so that the public could receive up to the minute reports on what was being done. By being up-front and honest with the media, Tylenol weathered the storm and today is as strong in the market as ever.

- **Exxon Valdez -- A Media Failure**

How Exxon officials dealt with the Valdez, Alaska oil spill incident is an example of how badly things can go when the media is taken lightly. Exxon officials were not up front about the incident, first attempting to "cover up" and then to downplay the extent of the damage. On a televised interview, Exxon's CEO would only say that a report was prepared on the impact of the oil spill, but could not say what was in the report. When Exxon finally began to address the media's questions, their credibility was so poor, that Exxon had already become a national joke, and a bad one at that.

So what should you say to the media? Is "no comment" even an option? How should you deal with an angry reporter? What are your rights during an interview? How can you best prepare for an interview?

We will attempt to answer these questions and more in the pages to come.

### WHO IS THE MEDIA?

There's a great temptation to look at "the media" as an amorphous mass, a beast that should be avoided at all costs. Strangely enough, reporters (and some editors) are human beings too. They have bills to pay, kids to pick up from school, homes to clean and groceries to buy. Some are smart, courteous and fair. Others are ignorant of their beats, have already written their stories in their minds and don't really care what you have to say. Just remember: Reporters are people. So treat them the way you'd like to be treated.

- **Be Honest**

Never, EVER, lie, either consciously or unconsciously. While "no comment" is never an option, there's nothing wrong with saying "I don't know" or "I'm afraid that's not my area." But be sure to follow up by saying, "I don't know, but let me see if I can find someone who does." Get caught in a lie just once, and your credibility (as well as the credibility of the organization you represent) is shot.

- **Be Quick**

When a reporter calls with a question he (*or she*) is rarely working on just one story. This means a reporter with a phone in one hand, fingers typing with the other and papers everywhere, has little patience.

(*This explains why reporters can be a bit testy, at times.*) So with time of the essence, be sure you know the reporter's deadline. Ask when is the latest you can do the interview or send the reporter the requested information. This indicates your concern, gives you an idea how urgent the story is and how much time you have to get back to the reporter.

- **Be Able To Improvise**

You never want to fight with a reporter, because the reporter always gets the last word. So it's always a good idea to prove you are a valuable, reliable resource to the media. If a reporter calls for information that is not relevant to SHA (for example, a call that the MTA or Maryland State Police is best equipped to answer), give the reporter guidance: *"That's not really something SHA deals with. But I think you might find what you want by calling John Smith with the Department of XXX at XXX-XXXX."* If a reporter knows he can find what he needs through you, he'll call again.

- **Be Understanding**

Know which reporters prefer press releases via fax or mail. Know the reporter's deadlines. If you want to really annoy a reporter, call him on his deadline day with a story about a new asphalt study. Unless you're calling about a presidential assassination attempt, they don't want to hear from you on deadline hour or day. Know which reporters like to brainstorm ideas by phone and which ones like ideas in writing. Know which newspapers and magazines accept byline articles and which ones don't. Simply put, KNOW THEIR BUSINESS. Show you care about how they do things and they will be more apt to respect you and what you do.

- **Be There**

There's nothing that aggravates reporters more than when they call for help and are told, *"I'm sorry, but there's no one available."* When a reporter calls, you are charged with an important responsibility, whether you are the person he or she should talk to or not. Do not send the reporter on a phone infinity loop of transferred calls, from A to B to C back to B back to C to D to E and back to A again. Follow this procedure:

- (1) Get the reporter's name, phone number, and the name of his/her publication, TV or radio station, magazine, etc.
- (2) Take notes on what the reporter wants to know, what specific questions they may have - **the more details you have, the easier it will be to determine who should talk to the reporter.**
- (3) Find out the reporter's deadline. When do they need to hear from you? And be sure you do call back, even if it's to say that you have nothing to report so far (this shows the reporter that you are being responsive and have not forgotten them his/her request).
- (4) If in doubt, **call Public Affairs at 545-0300.**

Remember, if you receive the call, be certain that reporter receives the proper attention. Find out as much you can, then you can best determine who the reporter needs to speak with and eliminate that dreaded "phone infinity loop" (and its usual result, a **VERY** disgruntled reporter).

In the event you are expecting a reporter's call and won't be in, make sure you provide whoever is left in the office with a phone number where you can be reached. And learn to anticipate reporters' calls. If you know there's a major project that's just been launched, or if there have been some stories in the paper that affect your area, it's good to assume that reporters might call. Think ahead. Read the major daily papers and watch the news. Be there to answer that phone call.

- **Be Proactive**

*Sometimes the best way to deal with the media is to call them first.* Try to think like a reporter or think about what you'd like to read to see in the news as you go about your job. Perhaps there are some employees in your department who are working weekends to help the homeless, there's a major construction project coming up in a few months, construction crews are using new technology to make road paving easier and faster. **Keep an eye out for :**

- (1) positive stories
- (2) potential trouble making events
- (3) any project that will have a community impact
- (4) keep Public Affairs informed.

This way we can prepare for an upcoming crisis and gather details for a positive story we can pitch to the media, etc. **Don't be reactive, be proactive.**

### Tackling The Interview Process

An interview is not a casual conversation. Reporters want details about anything that smacks of something new, different, controversial, costly and affects lots of people.

Some reporters only have a vague idea what they are investigating. (*"I'm doing this story on Maryland roads and I'm hoping you can tell me something about them."*).

Some are very clear (*"How much did the state spend for the repair of bridges in the following counties?"*).

Some are just trying to prove their own conclusions (*"But all those road construction guys are high school dropouts, right?"*)

When you are being interviewed, you cease to be Betty Jones or Stan Smith, you **ARE** the company you work for. Your agenda is to communicate what is happening within your company, to represent your company fairly and in as positive a light as possible.

**An interview can be a battle of CONTROL.** Some reporters may attempt to steer you in the direction they want you to go, to say what will justify the angle they are developing for their story. You, on the other hand, want to direct the reporter toward a better understanding of your company's goals, mission, values and successes. The first step toward achieving this end is to:

- **Know Your Messages!**

Some people can be intimidated by a media interview because they are unclear about what to say. Having messages -- **key points**, usually no more than three, that you want a reporter to come away with -- gives you direction. If you feel that a reporter is leading the interview into negative or irrelevant areas, you take control by going back to your messages: *"What's really important here is... (message)."*

- **Know Your Rights!**

Before beginning an interview, you have the right to know who is interviewing you, what the interview is about, the audience and when and where the interview will take place. You have the right to ask who else is being interviewed for the story, when the story will appear, and how you would like to be mentioned in the story (e.g. by name, and title, or simply SHA spokesperson). **(Only the Public Affairs staff should use SHA spokesperson ).**

**NEVER** conduct an interview without first knowing the subject of the interview. If you have the time, you might want to review any previous stories by the reporter to get a feel for his or her style (tough, easy, fair, etc.).

**Anticipate the most difficult questions** and assume the reporter will ask them. If you don't know the answer, find out who does.

**Avoid company/industry jargon.** If it is simply impossible not to use terminology, be sure to explain before proceeding. Above all, make sure the reporter understands what you're talking about. Like most people, reporters don't like to admit ignorance. Say, *"That was a lot we just covered. Could I go over any of the points with you again?"*

Rest assured that you will **ALWAYS** know more about the subject at hand than the reporter. Never assume they understand, because if they don't, the mistakes will show up in print and with your name next to them!

**Avoid negative language.** Don't repeat negatives brought up in questions when you are responding. Remember what happened with President Nixon and his *"I am not a crook"* reply? Refute the negatives and turn them into positives: *"Are you a crook?" "I have done my best to serve my constituents honestly and fairly."*

**Be a good listener.** Pick up on how the reporter is responding to your answers. Newspaper reporters always think in column inches so they have limited space for their stories and like to paraphrase. Make sure they get it right.

**NOTHING IS EVER "off the record,"** even if you or the reporter say it's "off the record." Your comments can, and probably will be used.

**Don't speculate.** If you are unsure, don't try to guess. Better to tell the reporter you're not sure, but you'll check into it for him, rather than guess...and guess wrong.

**Be yourself.** Messages are important, but being a talking head that continually repeats the same three messages over and over will only result in a very ticked-off reporter. *Be enthusiastic in your responses.* Think of an interview as an *opportunity* (not as a painful ordeal) to promote your organization. **Don't be afraid to show emotions.** Be genuinely apologetic, concerned, etc. **Remember, sincerity is everything. If you can fake that, you've got it made.**

**Be prepared with statistics.** Reporters love facts and figures. If you are unsure if you should release certain numbers, contact Public Affairs.

Remember, when you speak, you become the embodiment of the organization you work for. That means if you say, "Well, in my opinion..." you are really saying, "In SHA's opinion..." **Never say anything you wouldn't be happy to see your name next to in print.**

**Consider the audience** the reporter is writing for; the report is not the audience. *Transportation Weekly* is going to have different readers than *Baltimore Magazine*. A rock and roll radio station is going to have different listeners than an easy listening station. Tailor your responses accordingly.

Some reporters like to knock an interviewee off-stride by using the "machine gun" approach -- that is, firing off a series of questions at once. The best way to go is to pick the question you feel most comfortable with answering. If the other questions are important, the reporter will get to them.

**Avoid generalities as much as possible.** Reporters like specifics.

**Don't feel you need to fill the "dead air" between questions.** If you feel you have adequately answered a question and have nothing more to add, simply wait until the reporter asks the next question. **Remember, an interview is not a conversation!**

**Don't give intellectual answers to highly emotional issues.**

**Avoid sounding bureaucratic, but answer in human terms.**

If an issue is very complex, and you fear the reporter may have problems understanding all its facets in an interview, **offer to provide the reporter with a background session.** A background can serve to acquaint the reporter with information to facilitate the interview process.

- **Broadcast Interviews**

In addition to the points previously mentioned, keep these additional guidelines in mind:

**Be concise.** This is especially important in radio interviews (with the possible exception of lengthy call-in shows and public service programs). Radio news directors often have only a few minutes to cram in a world's worth of news. They like "*sound bites*" - short sentences that can be cut. Remember to say SHA instead of "we". This also works in your favor since the radio reporter doesn't have enough time to delve into any convoluted, controversial matters. Go with your messages!

**Speak clearly** and at a consistent sound level and use inflection.

**Avoid the "uhs" and "ahs"** of conversational language.

During taped interviews, **avoid saying "As I said earlier,"** especially if you are referring to a conversation that took place prior to the interview. You know this and the reporter knows this, but Joe Listener doesn't.

For televised interviews, **avoid rocking motions**, swaying from side to side if you are standing. If you are sitting, sit on the edge of your seat and avoid crossing your legs. Feel free to use your hands to make your points, but not so much that they become a distraction for the viewer.

**Maintain eye contact with the reporter. DON'T look at the camera unless you are doing a "talk back" with the anchor.**

**Beware of nervous habits** -- biting your nails, rubbing your nose, scratching your head, crossing your legs, jiggling money or keys in your pocket, anything that might detract from what you have to say.

If you know you're going to be on TV, **avoid overly bright or flashy jewelry and clothing**, plaids and whites (they can cast a glare).

**REMEMBER, PUBLIC AFFAIRS EXISTS TO HELP YOU WORK BETTER WITH THE MEDIA. IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH A REPORTER OR EDITOR, PLEASE CALL SHA PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT 545-0301.**